

DIXON EVENING TELEGRAPH.

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DIXON, ILLINOIS THURSDAY DECEMBER 30, 1909

Twenty-Fifth Year No. 304

SPECIAL SERVICES BEGIN JAN. 3RD

EIGHT CHURCHES WILL JOIN
IN A SERIES OF
MEETINGS.

CONCERTED EVANGELISTIC WORK

Special Attention Will Be Given to
Music and a Large Chorus
Organized.

Monday night, Jan. 3, the Baptist church will mark the opening of at least a three weeks union evangelistic effort on the part of eight of the christian churches of Dixon. Those uniting in the effort are the Brethren, Congregational, Evangelical, Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Methodist. No one is excluded; all christian people of the city are urged to join in this important and greatly needed work.

After careful consideration it has been thought best not to move the meetings from place to place, as at first planned, but to hold them in one place for the first three weeks until forced to go elsewhere for more room. When that time comes one of the largest and most central of the churches will be used.

A committee of one from each church selected by the ministers was named to look after the music. It is as follows: Methodist, Henry Floto; Lutheran, N. H. Long; Presbyterian, E. B. Raymond; Christian, Clinton Fahrney; Evangelical, Geo. Beede; Congregational, George Carpenter; Brethren, to be supplied. Rev. Randall was selected as general chairman and will call the committee together and the committee will rally the various singers of their several choirs. Four hundred of C. R. Scovill's great evangelist song book, published by E. O. Excell have been rented for these special meetings. After careful deliberation it was unanimously decided to ask Rev. Randall to lead the music. He has had much experience in quartets, choruses and congregational work not only in his own church but for others as special director. We regard ourselves as fortunate in having in our midst such a competent leader. Dixon has a great array of talent for special solo, duet, quartet and special chorus numbers which will be used generously. Rev. Randall wants to meet every member of the music committee and if possible all of the singers in the various choruses of the churches Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. Let each member of the music committee make the announcement to their churches and see that the chorus members are present in full.

A committee on advertising and publicity was selected in the same manner and Rev. Stone was asked to become the general chairman of the committee. It was as follows: Methodist, John Ewen; Lutheran, Walter White; Presbyterian, Mr. Hamilton; Baptist, T. J. Miller; Christian, C. D. Crawford; Evangelical, to be supplied; Congregational, W. H. Flemming; Brethren, W. W. Lehman. This is a most important committee and its chairman will see each one personally and arrange for a special meeting.

It was suggested that the head ushers of each church select at least two beside himself and that these meet together and arrange for their work during the entire meetings. It is hoped that all social functions will be postponed or arranged for at an hour when they will not interfere with the services. It is hoped that the business houses may so arrange their hours that they and their employees may have the advantage of these special meetings. There will be no Saturday night services and each minister will be in his own church Sunday morning and evening, where his people will be expected to rally. Plan, pray and work for this special effort of the church for the salvation of a perishing world.

A. R. SPICER,
Sec. Ministerial Assn.

MAY BE CANDIDATE.

It is rumored that Attorney John B. Crabtree has the county judgeship he is buzzing about his ears. Mr. Crabtree went to Amboy today to consult with friends about his political affairs.

PETER R. WILHELM DIED WEDNESDAY

FORMER RESIDENT OF DIXON
AND NATIVE OF NACHUSA
TOWNSHIP.

WAS EXPRESS CO. ROUTE AGENT

Funeral Will Be Held in Dixon Presbyterian Church Friday
Afternoon.

Peter R. Wilhelm of Chicago formerly a resident of Dixon, died at the Dixon hospital about 5 p. m. on Wednesday, where he had been for some time receiving medical treatment. The remains were taken to the home of P. F. Wilhelm, 404 East First street, an uncle.

Mr. Wilhelm's wife died over a year ago. He leaves no children. He is survived by a brother, Levi Wilhelm, of West First street, four sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes, Mrs. Mollie Martenney, and Miss Lou Wilhelm all of Nachusa township, and Mrs. J. Countryman of Iowa. Mrs. Wilson Crawford of Nachusa township is a niece of the deceased.

Mr. Wilhelm was born Sept. 28, 1845, in Alleghany county, Md. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1851. He was married to Miss C. Louise Christopher, June 10, 1879, at Byron, Ill.

Mr. Wilhelm's illness dates back 25 years when he was injured in a wreck near Fulton, Ill., on the C. M. & St. P. He was a route agent for the American Express company and was checking up the messenger at the time of the accident. His back was badly wrenched and he was made a cripple for life.

He was raised in Nachusa township and educated at the old seminary which in early years was a flourishing institution in Dixon. Upon graduating from the seminary he took a bookkeeping course in Chicago.

During the world's fair he moved to Chicago and since that time has made his home there.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the residence of P. F. Wilhelm, 404 East First street and at the Presbyterian church at 2:30. Rev. S. S. Cryor will officiate.

INSTALLATION OF MASONIC ORDERS

OFFICERS OF VARIOUS LODGES
WILL BE INSTALLED THIS
EVENING.

Friendship lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., Dorothy chapter, No. 371, O. E. S., and the Royal Arch Masons will hold their installation of newly elected officers this evening at the Masonic Temple. All Masons and their families are expected to be present. The ceremonies will begin at 8 o'clock.

W. D. Baum will be installed as Worshipful Master of Friendship lodge, Mrs. Mark Brown, worthy Matron of Dorothy chapter, and N. H. Jensen will be installed Excellent High Priest of Nachusa chapter. Past Master Fred Smith will be installing officer for the Blue lodge, Mrs. Florence Cummins for the Order of Eastern Star, and O. B. Anderson will install the officers of Nachusa chapter.

Mrs. L. E. Edwards will contribute several vocal selections to the program.

Arrangements have been made to entertain a large number of Masons and their families. The installation work will be very interesting and entertaining.

CARDINAL SATOLLI

SAID TO BE DYING

Rome, Dec. 30.—Special—Cardinal Satolli is reported to be dying. He has been unconscious for some time, and is not expected to survive throughout the day.

News of his death may be expected at any moment.

Frank O'Malley, nephew of Frank Valle, is here from Marathon, Ia. He reports 22 degrees below zero there yesterday morning and plenty of snow.

COAL SITUATION LOOKS DUBIOUS

MANY CARS ON WAY BUT VERY
LITTLE ON HAND IN
DIXON.

MORE SNOW WOULD BE SERIOUS

Unless More Soft Coal Is Received
Dixon Dealers Will Be Out
in a Few Days.

Dixon is facing a serious proposition with reference to the coal situation. While it is in no way alarming, yet another big snow storm would put the situation in rather a serious and alarming state. Coal is moving slowly. Several cars arrived yesterday. The Lee County Lighting company received a consignment of several cars. One car arrived today for the Dixon college and several of the dealers expect to get in from two to five cars today. Several cars for the cement plant arrived yesterday over the Northwestern.

Trainmaster Flannigan was here yesterday from Freeport and went over the situation with several of the local dealers. He declared that the Illinois Central is doing everything possible to get coal here, but the continued cold weather makes it difficult to get trains over the road. An engine drawing a train of coal died on the road south of Dixon last night.

But four cars of coal consigned to local dealers have arrived within the last four days. Several of the dealers declare that they have had coal on the road for twenty days.

The LaSalle company only loaded four cars in three days and one of the Dixon dealers received one of these cars.

Nearly all of the dealers have coal on hand to last about six or seven days. There is considerable hard coal and the higher priced soft coal on hand, but if present conditions continue this coal will find willing purchasers.

The people from the country are beginning to find matters serious. Several farmers came all the way from Harmon yesterday to get a supply of soft coal.

It is said that there are 350 cars of coal in the Amboy yards, 50 or 60 of them being consigned to Dixon dealers. It is probable that some of these cars will reach Dixon this week, and in that case the situation will be greatly relieved.

What Dealers Say.

All the dealers were interviewed this morning with reference to the situation:

Alexander Coal company: We have cars overdue more than a week. We have enough soft coal to last six or seven days.

W. D. Drew: I have 200 tons on hand, which will last me about four days. I am selling coal at the rate of 60 tons daily. I have coal on the road for 17 days. I received one car yesterday for the college. The situation is not alarming, but is getting serious.

Thomas Young: I have coal enough on hand to last four or five days. I have plenty of coal ordered. Altogether I have about 20 cars on the road. I have about six cars on hand.

Raymond & Son: We have plenty of hard coal on hand. We received two cars this week. We have considerable high priced soft coal on hand but this will go soon. We have plenty of coal on the road.

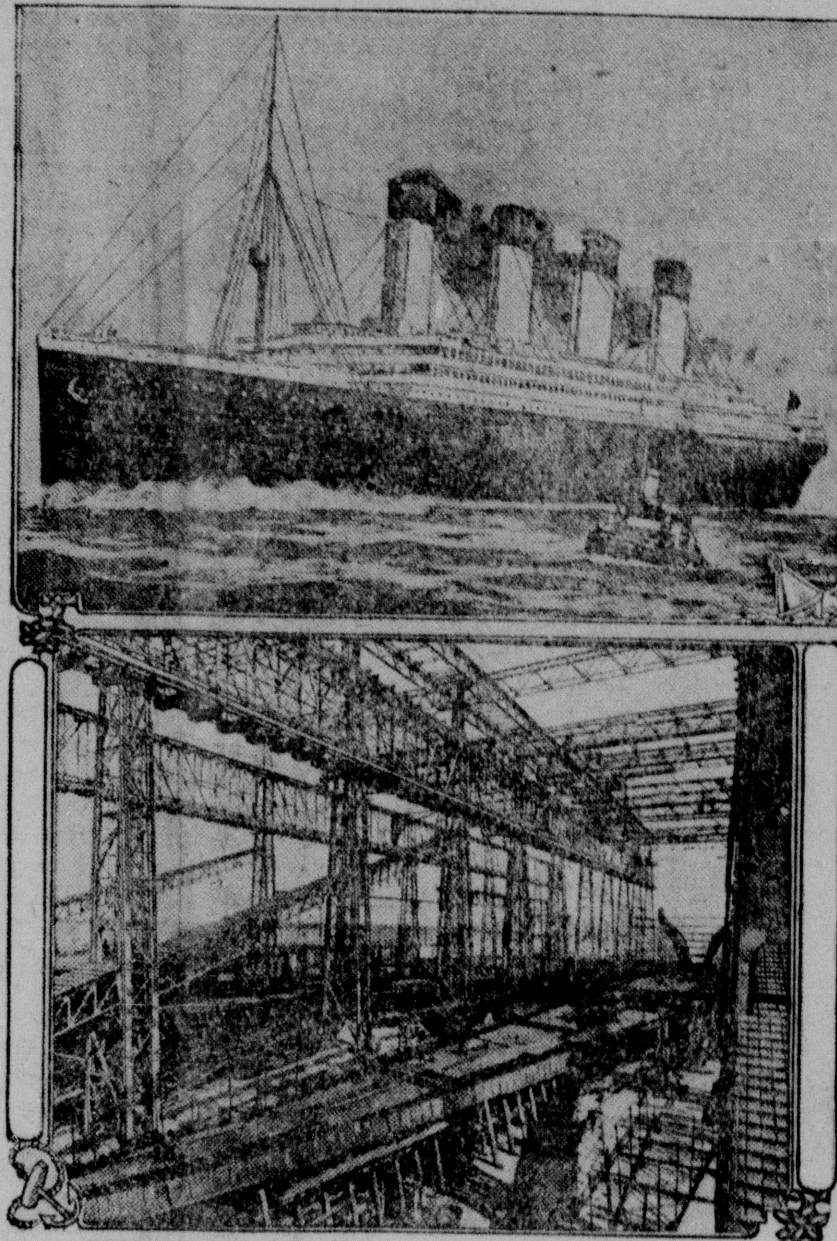
Vaile & McIntyre: We have about 100 tons on hand. Four or five cars have been on the road for two weeks. We received a car of coal yesterday which has been on the road since Dec. 17. It was shipped from Chicago. One car shipped from Chicago last Thursday has not arrived. It takes soft coal three weeks to come from our mines in Illinois.

S. W. Youngman: I have plenty of coal on hand. I think I will have enough to last more than a week. Coal is moving slowly.

Phillip Woolver: I have plenty of hard coal on hand, but I am low on soft coal. I have had several cars on the road since Nov. 26. I will be out of soft coal tomorrow but have from 30 to 40 cars enroute which should be here any day, some of them probably tomorrow.

Guy Miller is visiting friends in Chicago.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST VESSEL. THE TITANIC, NOW BEING BUILT.



Here is an architectural picture of the steamship Titanic, which is being built for the White Star line at Belfast; also a view of the giant steel "cradle" in which the ship is being constructed. The keel of the steamship is seen in the lower photograph. The White Star company is to have two of these leviathans, and they will be in commission early in 1911. Their launching will signalize a most important era in marine achievement, for they will be by all odds the largest vessels in the world. The Titanic and Olympic will each be 860 feet in length, 92 feet beam, 45,000 tons register and 60,000 tons displacement. These enormous dimensions are best expressed in comparisons. The Washington monument is 555 feet high and the Metropolitan tower in New York city rises 700 feet. The combined tonnage of the Olympic and Titanic far exceeds the tonnage of all the vessels engaged on both sides in the historic conflict of the Spanish armada, and it is even more interesting to know that the Santa Maria was only 60 feet long and 235 tons burden, yet on this vessel Columbus journeyed to the new world.

FOOD STANDARD COMMISSION NAMED

GOVERNOR DENEEN APPOINTS
MEN TO INVESTIGATE
FOOD PURITY.

MILK PRODUCTS COME FIRST

No Standards Will Be Set Until Both
Sides Are Given a
Hearing.

On Dec. 6th Governor Deneen appointed as members of the State food commission, Charles E. M. Newton, as a representative of the Illinois Food Manufacturing Industries, and Dr. Walter S. Haines an expert food chemist of known reputation, according to the requirements of the Illinois food law. These two gentlemen, with A. H. Jones, state food commissioner, constitute the State Food Standard commission.

The commission has organized with A. H. Jones as chairman and Dr. T. J. Bryan, 1620 Manhattan Building, Chicago, as corresponding and recording secretary.

Among the early subjects to be considered will be ice cream and condensed and evaporated milk.

Trade to Have a Hearing

The commission will not make a standard without fully investigating both the scientific data with reference to the products and trade conditions and customs relating thereto. The commission requests all interested to submit briefs in triplicate to the secretary of the commission at as early a date as possible. After these briefs have been received and considered, a public hearing will be given to those interested that they may present evidence and arguments with reference thereto.

OPENS OFFICE.

H. W. Leydig has opened an office with Brooks & Brooks in the opera house block. He will conduct a real estate business.

W. D. Holly, traveling representative for Walter Fitch & Co., Chicago spent the day with C. D. Anderson.

JOS. PETERSBERGER PLANS TO RETIRE

THIS WILL ELIMINATE OLDEST
CLOTHING HOUSE IN THE
CITY.

The news was received with surprise that the popular and enterprising First street merchant, Joseph Petersberger, is about to retire from the clothing business. This will eliminate the oldest clothing firm in Dixon, the house of Petersberger having been established by the father of the present owner, Emanuel Petersberger, in 1856. He was succeeded by his son in 1882, and he in turn has successfully conducted the business more than 25 years.

The store was originally in a building on the river bank, but later became a feature on First street. A number of patrons have already expressed that they would be at a loss to know where to trade in the future, as many have supplied their wants at this store since childhood.

Mr. Petersberger will be greatly missed from the business circles of Dixon, for he has always taken an active part in the affairs of the Merchants' association and has shown an interest in aiding all enterprises relative to the welfare of the city. Mr. Petersberger will start a sale Jan. 6th and close out his stock as soon as possible.

TRIP POSTPONED.

On account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. Anna Worthington, W. E. Worthington and family were compelled to give up their trip to the southland. The family had made all arrangements to leave for the south this week.

MRS. BERTHA REICHARDT OF STERLING DIED

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 30.—Special—Mrs. Bertha Reichardt, wife of Alva Reichardt, died at her home here at 2:30 p. m. yesterday. The funeral will take place at the German Lutheran church with interment at the cemetery here. Deceased was well known in Dixon. They resided in Dixon since their marriage until three years ago.

TEN YEARS AS PASTOR IN DIXON

DR. S. S. CRYOR HAS COMPLETED
DECADE IN THE LOCAL
CHURCH.

APPRECIATION IS EXPRESSED

Congregation Made Him a Gift at
Service in the Presbyterian
Church Last Night.

Yesterday marked the tenth anniversary of Dr. S. S. Cryor's pastorate of the Presbyterian church of this city. Last evening at prayer meeting at the church Dr. Cryor gave an interesting address on "Reminiscences of Ten Years," his talk relating to his work in Dixon. It was much enjoyed by the audience, which numbered about 75 people.

After prayer meeting a social was held in the parlors of the church and appetizing luncheon was served in the dining room. Then followed the surprise of the evening to Dr. Cryor, planned by the members of his congregation as an outward appreciation of the great respect and esteem in which he is held by them.

Madame E. C. Sickels, whose husband was so long the well loved pastor of the Presbyterian church, presented Dr. Cryor with a sum of money on behalf of the friends gathered, graciously presenting the gift with a few well chosen words. To say that Dr. Cryor was surprised would put it mildly; he was so surprised and touched that he could not adequately express his appreciation, but the expression of his eyes and a few words gave evidence of his gratitude.

During his pastorate in Dixon many are the hearts Dr. Cryor has helped to heal and to many a weary soul has the way been brightened. The members of his congregation fully realize his worth and in many such thoughtful little ways they endeavor to express their appreciation.

ENTERTAIN AT "Y" TOMORROW NIGHT

PUBLIC INVITED TO SEE OLD
YEAR OUT AND NEW
ARRIVE.

Tomorrow evening at the Y. M. C. A. the Knocks club will keep open house and they have provided an interesting program for the amusement of their guests.

At 8 o'clock there will be an illustrated lecture on Life of Christ. Next will be a basketball game between the Turks and Pickles. After this the bowling alleys will be open to both ladies and gentlemen. Gentlemen wishing to bowl must bring ladies with them as they will only be allowed to bowl in couples. While the bowling is going on there will be a marshmallow toast in front of the fireplace in the reading room.

At 11:30 the program committee will have some more amusement and the old year will be given a good sendoff.

COMMERCIAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GROWING

FIRST OF THE YEAR WILL SEE
AN ENROLLMENT OF ONE
HUNDRED.

The enrollment of Coppins' Commercial school is increasing daily and at the first of the year Mr. Coppins expects to have an enrollment of 100. Among those who entered this week are Miss Eulah Huck of Amboy, who will take a full combination course, and Miss Cassie Daniels of South Auburn, Neb., who will take a shorthand course.

Percy Chase and wife of Yankton, S. D., visited the school yesterday. Both were former students of the institution.

SON BORN.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beede of North Galena avenue Wednesday morning, a son.

LOANED MONEY ON BOGUS DIAMONDS

TWO DIXON MEN ARE WORKED
BY A CLEVER BUT OLD
GAME.

SUBSTITUTED FOR GOOD STONES

Jeweler Examined the Good Stones,
But Clever Women Exchanged
Them for Glass.

Two well known Dixon men are wondering where the women are who got \$500 of their money for two diamonds which were found to be bogus stones. The diamonds the men saw before the loan was made were tested by a local jeweler and pronounced good, but in the delivery of the precious stones a transfer was made. Immediately after the women received the sum of money they made a rather hurried departure from Dixon.

The loan was made for one week.

When the women failed to show up for the diamonds in "soak," the holders of the gems became uneasy and apparently "smelling a rat," took the gems to the same jeweler who had pronounced them good; as soon as he tested them he informed the two men that they were the victims of two clever women, for the diamonds they had in their possession were bogus.

What could the poor men do? The women were gone. They retired to the office and talked the matter over and decided to keep mum about the whole affair, but an intimate friend got wise and tipped it off to another intimate friend, and in some manner it got out.

The names of the two unfortunate men will not be published, because it would do no good. However, they will do considerable thinking before they hand out good money for bogus diamonds again.

This trick is worked by clever women almost daily, but people are slow to get wise to the game.

Don't suspect any particular men, for there are a dozen or more men in Dixon with money who would be willing to accommodate pretty women who had diamonds to sell or pawn. Just think you know who the two unfortunates are and look wise.

POSTOFFICE HOURS FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 10 A. M.—
ONE DELIVERY IN THE
CITY.

Postmaster Frey has announced the postoffice hours for New Years day. They are as follows:

The office will be open until 10 a. m. There will be one delivery by city carriers and no delivery by rural carriers. Rural patrons may receive mail by calling between 7 and 10 o'clock.

Barber Shop Hours.

The union barber shops of the city will keep open Friday night until 10 o'clock but will close Saturday morning at 10.

ROCK FALLS MAN FORGES A CHECK

CASHED \$21 CHECK WITH FORGED
NAME AND THEN
DISAPPEARED.

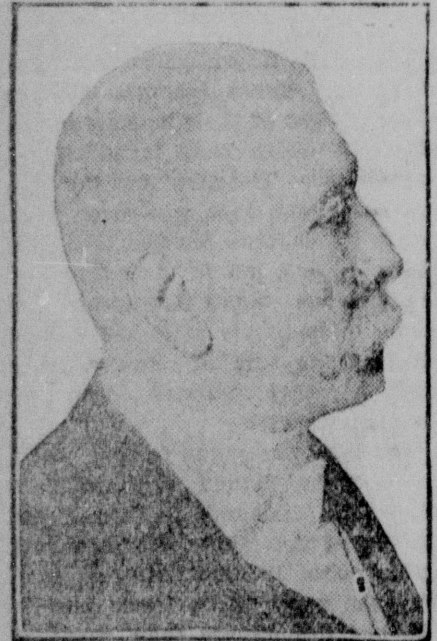
Sterling, Ill., Dec. 30.—Special—Wm. Keumann, who has been a resident of Rock Falls for the past six months, forged a check for \$21, which was cashed at the Albert Hill restaurant at Rock Falls last evening. The check was made payable to himself and the name of Geo. M. Casens of Sterling was signed by the forger to the check. Keumann left town last evening and the police have no clue as to his present whereabouts.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Partly cloudy today and tomorrow; gradually rising temperature today; much warmer tomorrow; variable winds, shifting to southerly and increasing.

ZELAYA ARRIVES
IN MEXICO CITY
Is Greeted with Much Applause
at Railway Station.
HAS AN INTERVIEW WITH DIAZ

Fleeing President Is Well Supplied with Gold and Currency—Reception Crowd, Composed of Central Americans, Mexicans and Americans, Makes Speech—"Three Cheers for the United States," Is Greeted with Hisses.

Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Ex-President Zelaya of Nicaragua has arrived here, and he was driven to the Palace hotel, where a suite had been engaged. His baggage included two valises filled to their capacity with American gold and a third grip fairly bursting with



PRESIDENT DIAZ.

paper currency. These had been closely guarded throughout the trip from Salina Cruz.

As his special car slowed up it was surrounded by a guard of honor and a crowd, and Zelaya was enthusiastically cheered.

The backbone of the reception crowd was composed of Central Americans and their friends, but the majority were Mexicans, with a sprinkling of Americans.

"Viva el Presidente!" yelled the crowd as Zelaya showed himself. The cheering lasted for several minutes, while Zelaya, standing on the platform of the private car, bowed his head and waved his hand. Finally he was compelled to make a speech.

"I have only a feeling of gratitude and friendship for the Mexican people," he said, "and, for President Diaz. I could ask for no more than I have been accorded by Mexico."

It was significant that he made no mention of the United States. The strong anti-American feeling of the Mexican people broke out, however, and when an enthusiastic American shouted, "Three cheers for the United States of America!" an angry murmur and hissing were the only responses, save for the cheers of the other Americans.

Of the future of Nicaragua its former executive said:

"The only way to prevent continued disturbances throughout Central America will be found in consolidating all the republics. Now is a good time for the United States and Mexico to engage in friendly intervention. I believe it will be possible to secure as the head of this proposed consolidation a good man acceptable to all."

Zelaya was escorted to his carriage by the troops drawn up in his honor. A troop of cavalry cantered by his side as he left the station and in his trip through the streets he was hailed loudly by the crowds which gathered at several points to cheer him. He was received by President Diaz at the palace and an extended conference took place.

MARCH TO DEATH IN THE RAIN

Groce and Cannon on Way to Face Firing Squad Pass Own Graves.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 30.—Details of the manner in which Groce and Cannon, the Americans, were shot to death by a firing squad have been gleaned here from trustworthy sources. The condemned men were notified of the death sentence imposed upon them at 10:30 o'clock on the night of Nov. 15. They were executed at 10 o'clock the following morning.

As they were marched out of the fortress a drizzle of rain fell. On the way to the scene of execution they passed the open graves that had been prepared for them.

BACON WELCOMED AT PARIS

Successor of Henry White Arrives to Assume Official Duties.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Robert Bacon, who succeeds Henry White as American ambassador to France, has arrived here.

The ambassador was welcomed at the station by the embassy staff and a score of personal friends. An under secretary from the foreign office extended greetings on behalf of M. Pichon.

Mr. Bacon drove directly to his residence in Rue Francois Premier, where he took over from Ambassador White. He will present his letters of credence to President Fallieres at the Elysee palace Friday.

TILFORD WILL BE HELD INVALID

Justice Dowling Signs Order—Estate Worth \$1,200,000.

New York, Dec. 30.—Supreme Court Justice Dowling has signed an order declaring invalid the will of Catherine Hunt Tilford, mother of the late Wesley Hunt Tilford, vice president of the Standard Oil company, and Frank H. Tilford, president of the Standard Oil company of California.

The will disposes of an estate worth \$1,200,000.

The suit to upset the will was brought by Mrs. Tilford's daughter, Mrs. Mary Trotter Chastain, who alleged that the will was invalid, because it extended the absolute ownership of part of the estate beyond two lives in being at the time of the death of the testatrix.

The decision is important to Frank V. Tilford and Elizabeth T. Kaferstein, two children of Mrs. Tilford's deceased son, J. B. Tilford. They were cut off in the will because their father told Mrs. Tilford that he had left them all the money he wanted them to have.

BROKAW'S TESTIMONY
NEEDED CORRECTION

Statement of Financial Condition Is to Be Submitted.

New York, Dec. 30.—The trial of the suit of Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw for a separation and \$30,000 a year alimony from W. Gould Brokaw came to an abrupt end when John McIntyre, counsel for Brokaw, returned to Mincola and learned of testimony Brokaw had given relative to his assets.

Previous to the opening of court Arthur J. Baldwin, counsel for Mrs. Brokaw, and McIntyre & Bushe, for Brokaw, had a conference with Justice Putnam and when court opened McIntyre said his client, worried by the long cross-examination, had made statements on the stand that should be corrected. Justice Putnam said that the only way would be to put the defendant on the stand again and re-examine him.

Before court adjourned it was agreed that on Saturday the defense would submit a list of Brokaw's securities and a full statement of his financial condition.

The evidence has now been completed, submitted, and the summing up by counsel will next be made. A decision is expected early in the new year.

GOADON'S APPOINTMENT VOID

Senate and Legislature Convene at Noon on Jan. 4.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—Colonel James Gordon of Okla. Miss., recently appointed United States senator to succeed the late Senator McLaurin until the legislature elects him successor, will never be sworn in, according to views expressed by United States Senator Samuel D. McEnery, of Louisiana.

Senator McEnery says the senate has interpreted the article of the constitution regarding the filling of vacancies literally. That article says:

"The executive may make temporary appointments until the next meeting of the legislature which then shall fill such vacancies."

The senate will not resume its sessions until noon Jan. 4 and the legislature of Mississippi will meet at noon on the same day. The federal constitution makes Colonel Gordon's term expire at the hour of the meeting of the legislature.

FROZEN TO DEATH ON TRAIN

L. D. Surratt, School Teacher, Falls When Station Is Reached.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 30.—Swinging to the vestibule of a swiftly moving passenger train L. D. Surratt, a young school teacher of high standing, was literally frozen to death, falling as the train came to a standstill.

Passengers on the northbound train reported that a man, who is now identified as Surratt, boarded the train at Lexington. Just before the train pulled out he ran back to get a package and was seen to catch the closed vestibule. No one paid particular attention to the incident, supposing the man had opened the entrance for the passenger.

SENSATIONAL PLAY AT CASINO

Wins \$116,000, Loses Back \$112,000 and Recoups Loss.

Monte Carlo, Dec. 30.—One of the most sensational plays at the Casino occurred this week. A French Canadian named Cruzier, accompanied by an Italian whose identity has not been revealed, began staking maximums on "The dozens." Cruzier won \$116,000, but sustained a loss of \$112,000.

Nothing daunted he kept up his high play and has again recovered it all. The bank had to be replenished several times.

2,000 DRIVEN OUT BY FIRE

Fireman Have Seven-Hour Struggle With Flames in New York.

New York, Dec. 30.—More than 5,000,000 gallons of water were used by firemen in a seven-hour fight with fire that caused \$150,000 damage in a six-story building at 214-218 Sullivan street.

Two thousand occupants of nearby tenement houses were driven into the cold and snow during the fire.

BANKER MORSE
FACES PRISON

United States Circuit Court Judge Hough Denies New Trial.

TWO DAY'S GRACE IS GIVEN

Grounds Alleged in Argument for Re-hearing Are Deemed Insufficient. Attorney Martin W. Littleton Makes Final Effort to Prevent Financier Serving Fifteen Year Sentence—District Attorney Wise States No Legal Loophole Remains.

New York, Dec. 30.—Judge Hough in the United States circuit court has denied the motion of Charles W. Morse for a new trial, advanced on the ground that the jury which convicted him was lawfully selected and had been allowed to drink excessive quantities of intoxicating liquors during the course of the trial and the period of its deliberations.

Martin W. Littleton, counsel for the banker, made immediate efforts to put some block in the way of sending Mr. Morse to prison. His application to Judge Ward for a stay was unsuccessful, but Judge Lacombe granted him permission to apply for a writ of error on Friday before him alone or before the whole bench of the circuit court of appeals Monday next.

It is the opinion of United States District Attorney Wise that this denial draws the Morse case to a close. The language in which Judge Hough's memorandum is phrased, he believes, leaves no legal loophole. But Mr. Wise was fully in sympathy with Judge Lacombe's willingness to hear an application for a writ of error.

A two day's stay is allowed by the government, which will not make it necessary to carry out the sentence before Friday.

Judge Hough denied the motion on its merits. The memorandum deals with each point on which the application for a new trial was based. It was argued on Morse's behalf by his lawyers on Dec. 21.

Mr. Littleton was apparently disheartened at the decision. He said that the application for a writ of error would be based on certain technicalities contained in the memorandum. He did not go to the Tombs to see his client, but he saw to it that Mr. Morse was informed at once that the judge had denied his application.

TELEGRAPHERS MAY STRIKE

Big Four Operators Submit Wage and Union Ultimatum.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 30.—The committee of seven have submitted to the Big Four railroad a wage and union recognition ultimatum of the telegraphers on all the divisions of the road, rejection of which may cause a great strike.

The operators on the seven divisions of the road have already voted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike in case their demands are refused. The Big Four is believed by the operators to be preparing to install a complete telephone system on all divisions. One division has already been equipped.

PLAN GREAT PEARY OVATION

Friends of Explorer Will Have Demonstration—Hughes to Preside.

New York, Dec. 30.—It has been announced that friends an admirers of Robert E. Peary are arranging for a great demonstration here in his honor to be held at the Metropolitan Opera House on the evening of Feb. 8. Governor Charles E. Hughes will preside. Commander Peary will be one of the principal speakers, and it is planned to group upon the stage with him as many as possible of the members of his expedition.

331 IN ROOSEVELT'S PARTY

Scores of Attendants with African Hunters at Katwe, Uganda.

Kampala, Uganda, Dec. 30.—A telephone message from Kabula, Milro, forty-six miles distant, says the American expedition camped at Katwe, eight miles beyond Kabula, Milro. Colonel Roosevelt and the others of the party are well.

As it left here the expedition was made up of seven white hunters and scientists, 200 porters, seven tent boys, six skimmers, five gunbearers, four mules, and two cooks.

CARRIE NATION APPEALS CASE

Noted Prohibitionist Takes Matter to District Court.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing the bar at the Union station in this city some weeks ago, to the district court of appeals.

Her attorney contends that the prosecution should have been made in the name of the United States.

ESTATE OF HALF MILLION

"Little Tim" Sullivan's Fortune Not Divided Before Death.

New York, Dec. 30.—"Little Tim" Sullivan, aIderman and Bowery political leader, who is dead, left an estate valued at approximately \$500,000, according to estimates, but continued search has failed to reveal any will. During his ill health several months ago he started to make a will, but never signed it.

ALL YOUR STOMACH
TROUBLE VANISHES

INDIGESTION, DYSPEPSIA, GAS, HEARTBURN, HEADACHE AND OTHER MISERY GOES

RELIEVES IN FIVE MINUTES.

A Little Diapepsin Now Will Make You Feel Fine and End Stomach Trouble Forever.

Every year regularly more than a million sufferers in the United States England and Canada take Pape's Diapepsin and realize not only immediate but lasting relief.

This harmless preparation will digest anything you eat and overcome a sour, gassy or out-of-order stomach five minutes afterwards.

If your meals don't fit comfortably or what you eat lays like a lump of lead in your stomach, or if you have heartburn, that is a sign of indigestion.

Get from your pharmacist a 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin and take a dose just as soon as you can. There will be no sour risings, no belching of undigested food mixed with acid, no stomach gas or heart-stomach, Nausea, Debilitating Headaches, Dizziness or intestinal griping. This will all go, and besides, there will be no food left in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors.

Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there.

Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is waiting for you at any drug store.

These large 50 cent cases contain more than sufficient to thoroughly cure almost any case of Dyspepsia, Indigestion or any other stomach disorder.

EAST PAWPAW

East Pawpaw, Dec. 30.—James Rosette and family from Waterman spent Sunday at the home of T. B. Rosette.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hawbecker returned home Friday morning from a short wedding trip to Rockford, at which place they visited with friends.

Mrs. O. Hildebrand and son from Downs, Iowa, are visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Atherton visited on Christmas with relatives in DeKalb.

Miss Gladys Knetsen is spending the holiday vacation with her sister, Mrs. Frank Hallock of Rockford.

Miss Jane Kirk is caring for the sick near Waterman.

The Christmas tree and entertain ment given on Friday afternoon by Miss Gladys Knetsen and her pupils was well attended and all the children performed their respective parts nicely.

The wedding bells are chiming in our community.

Singular Services of Sheep.

In the northern part of India sheep are put to a use unthought of in European or American countries. They are made to serve as beasts of burden. The mountain paths along the foothills of the Himalayas are so precipitous that the sheep, more sure footed than larger beasts, are preferred as burden carriers. The load for each sheep is from sixteen to twenty pounds. The sheep are driven from village to village, with the wool still growing, and in each town the farmer shears as much wool as he can sell there and loads the sheep with the grain which he receives in exchange. After the flock has been sheared he turns it homeward, each sheep having on its back a small bag containing the purchased grain.

Economy.

Mrs. Blockley—John, do you know that Royal Worcester vase I bought yesterday for \$5? Well, they reduced them to \$3 this morning. Mr. Blockley—Then you lost \$2 by not waiting until this morning. Mrs. Blockley—No; only \$1. I went down today and bought another for \$3, making two of them average \$4 each.—London Fun.

Bobby's Questions.

Small Bobby—Papa, why can a man run faster than a boy? Papa—Because he is bigger, my boy. Small Bobby (after pondering for a few moments)—Well, if that's the reason, why don't the hind wheels of a wagon run faster than the front wheels?—Chicago News.

If you wish to reach the highest, begin at the lowest.—Syrus.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hammarstrom of Clinton, Ia., are visiting Dixon relatives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Schools of Lee County, subject to the action of the Republican voters.

L. W. MILLER.

COUNTY JUDGE.

I am a candidate for renomination to the office of County Judge of Lee County, subject to the will of the republican party as expressed in convention or primary. I ask for and shall appreciate the endorsement of my administration by the people of Lee county.

ROBERT H. SCOTT.

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E. C. KLONTZ.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

Intending to move I will sell out reserve at my residence on the Albion Seavey farm 7 miles north-east of Sterling, 2 miles north of Prairieville and 4 miles southeast of Penrose on Friday, Jan. 7, 1910, the following property:

40 cows, some fresh and some heavy springers. Calves will be sold with cows.

40 steers. An excellent lot, good color and quality, averaging about 725 pounds. Have been on full feed 30 days.

10 heifers, 1 and 2 years old, 9 spring calves, 3 good bulls.

8 horses and mules. Span mules 8 and 9 years old. Black mare 8 years old, 3 year old bay driver; 3 yearling colts; suckling colt.

45 head of sheep. Shropshire and Oxford Down ewes, bred, all good young sheep. You should see these before you buy.

30 head of hogs, 17 fall shoats, Poland China board, Duroc Jersey boar, remainder sows and barrows.

Miscellaneous: Steam feed cooker, feed grinder, Round Oak stove, all good as new; 5 white turkeys, 135 chickens, 40 bu. potatoes, 2 sets of work harness, single harness, sulky plow, 3 section steel drag, Successful incubator, 240 egg size; hog trough, saddle and bridle, 5 feeding racks, 60 gallon oil tank, etc.

7 acres shocked corn and 10 acres of stalks.

Hot lunch at 11 a. m. by W. W. Teschendorf. Sale to begin immediately after. Free transportation from Prairieville at 10:30 and 11:30.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$5 and under cash. Over that amount a credit of 60 days to 1 year will be given, with interest at 6 per cent, payable at Sterling State bank, 2 per cent off for cash. No property to be removed until settled for.

CLARENCE LEINBACH, Col. E. J. Pittman, Auct. M. E. Wilger, Clerk.

HE BOUGHT IN PARIS.

Then He Found He Could Have Done Better Nearer Home.

Enrico Caruso, the famous tenor, told a curious story once while in conversation with a man prominent in musical circles in Philadelphia. The two were ascending the stairs from the basement of the Bellevue-Stratford when at the first landing they halted, and Caruso pointed to a marble bench of ancient Florentine pattern.

"I am a great admirer of those benches," he said, "and last summer I had a strange experience with them. I had just purchased a villa in Italy and was always on the lookout for something decorative in the way of novel furniture.

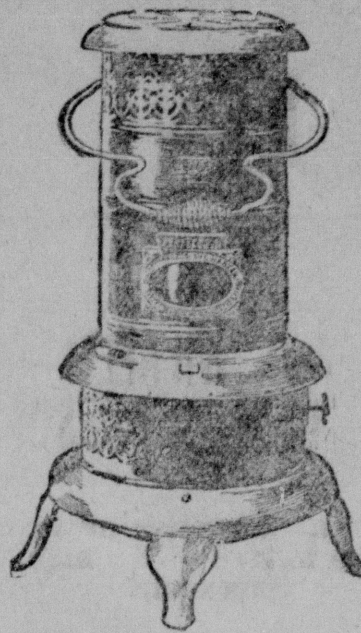
"While in Paris I happened to see one of these benches and at once concluded to put a dozen of them about the grounds. I found the dealer and asked the price. He said \$50 apiece. I ordered the dozen.

"A few weeks later I was at my villa looking it over and happened to discover across the hedge at the border a marble yard, and there was the marble cutter working on one of those same benches.

"I climbed the hedge, and after chatting with the man a few minutes and admiring the great care he was exercising I asked if he usually made such benches. 'Oh, yes,' he replied. 'I make many. I have an order now for twelve of them for the great tenor Caruso. He ordered them in Paris.'"

"When I recovered from my surprise I questioned him and found that he was really the man who supplied the Paris dealer. I asked him how much he would make me some for, and he replied, 'Twenty dollars apiece, signor.' "So I was paying \$50 for the privilege of buying in Paris what was being made at my own door, in addition to freight both ways and extra incidental expenses. Now when I want to buy anything for my home I go to the nearest place first."—Philadelphia News.

Providence never will be able to do much for the farmer who treats his cows and horses better than his wife and children.



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The list comprises The Wenona, "Barr" Carterville, Christopher, New Kentucky Hand-Picked Lump, Sunnyside Washed Egg, and the Assumption—all coals of known quality. Also only the best standard grades of Hard Coal. We buy no "scalper" coal.

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INDICT TWO IN CHICAGO CRAFT

Grand Jury Acts in City Fuel Contract Scandals.

CHARGES AGAINST THE MEN

Screenings and Other Inferior Coal Said to Have Been Delivered to the City When the Highest Grade Was Contracted and Paid For—Conviction for the Offense Is Expected to Carry Only Jail Sentences—Indictments Not a Surprise.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—James P. Connery, brother of City Clerk John T. Connery, and secretary and treasurer of the Chicago Fire Appliance company and M. H. Rogers, president of M. H. Rogers & Co., coal dealers, were indicted by the December grand jury in the city fuel contract scandals.

The charges against the men are obtaining money by false pretenses and larceny.

The false pretense is said to consist in the delivery of an inferior grade of coal to the city when the highest grade was contracted and paid for.

It is understood that conviction for the offenses would carry only jail sentences.

The indictment of Connery and Rogers was not a surprise to those who have been in touch with the grand jury's recent investigation.

The charges made before the grand jurors may be summarized as follows: That the city paid for high-grade coal; that screenings and other inferior coal were delivered; that this was fraud on the part of the dealers; that the law forbidding purchases involving more than \$500 with advertising was ignored.

The inquiry by the grand jury grew out of the investigations of the Merriam commission. State's Attorney Wayman received a transcript of the evidence taken by the commission, and in addition called in city officials with loads of records and vouchers which were examined carefully.

COUNSELMAN PUTS BLAME ON ATTORNEY

Is Subjected to Wreckless Fire of Questions in Hearing.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Willis Counselman, is defending himself before Judge Chaslin in an effort to prevent the court from setting aside the divorce obtained on Nov. 15 through alleged misrepresentation and fraud. The broker was subjected to a continuous fire of questions by Attorney Joseph W. Moses, who sought to wring from the witness admissions that he was fully aware of the mental condition of his wife when he divorced her.

Further blame was loaded upon Attorney Thackberry when Counselman directly charged the attorney with having advised him that there was nothing to prevent him from contracting a second marriage in spite of the statutory provision in the divorce. The broker said it was upon the suggestion of Thackberry that he had the marriage ceremony performed in Indiana.

The indications are that the broker's ordeal as a witness will be a long one.

REMEMBER IROQUOIS VICTIMS

Sixth Annual Service Is to Occur Tonight at Willard Hall.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Those who perished in the Ironsides theater fire Dec. 30, 1903, will be remembered this evening at the sixth annual memorial service given by the Iroquois Memorial association in Willard hall.

It is announced that an emergency hospital as a monument to the victims will be erected early in the year.

FIRE DESTROYS WAR MUSEUM

Danville House Where Lincoln Had His Office Is in Ruins.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 30.—The old war museum, where President Lincoln had his office when he was riding the circuit as an attorney, burned.

The museum contained many valuable relics, among them a number of shells, which exploded during the fire. The property had been used as a saloon until recently.

Illinois Farmer Sued for \$50,000.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 30.—Clarence Hayton of California has filed suit in the Whiteside county circuit court against Charles G. Bort, a prosperous farmer living here, asking for \$50,000 damages, the plaintiff alleging that Bort alienated the affections of Hayton's wife.

English Cigars.

"Do cigars ever contain rope?" "No. That's just a phantasy of the imaginations. As a matter of fact, rope is too expensive to put in the cheaper brands of cigars."—London Star.

The appearance of Vesuvius greatly increases the fertility of the ground in the vicinity.

DICKINSON IN SAN JUAN

Officially Received by Mayor Delvalle—Reviews Military Parade.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 30.—Secretary of War Dickinson and General Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs, visited the city hall here and were officially received by Mayor Delvalle and the city council. They inspected various departments and later reviewed the Porto Rico regiment.

Several thousand natives, including some of the most prominent citizens, were attracted to the scene of the parade, which was held on the El Morro parade ground.

MUDGE MAY BE LEHIGH HEAD

Wall Street Hears Rumor That President Thomas Is Out.

New York, Dec. 30.—Wall street heard the report that E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company had resigned and that H. U. Mudge, head of the Rock Island system, was being considered as his successor.

The Moore-Reid interests, controlling the Rock Island, recently acquired a large stock interest in the Lehigh Valley.

MADISON SQUARE TO BE TORN DOWN

Famous Building Will Be Replaced by Office Building.

New York, Dec. 30.—Madison Square garden, designed by the late Stanford White, victim of Harry Thaw's revolver, and erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, has been sold to a real estate syndicate and will be torn down and replaced by a large office building.

The property has been on the market for some time at \$3,000,000. It is owned by the Madison Square Garden company, of which Frank K. Starkey is president, and J. P. Morgan a member. As an investment the garden has not proved profitable.

STANDARD OIL PIPE LINE

From Western Virginia to New York—Will Reduce Cost.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—The Standard Oil company is now planning to pipe natural gas from the fields of West Virginia and western Pennsylvania into Greater New York, giving the metropolitan gas at 50 cents per 1,000 feet, the same fuel Pittsburg now pays 27½ cents per 1,000 feet for.

The Standard figures on spending \$15,000,000 in piping gas over the mountains and to New York. About 140 miles of the distance from Pittsburg, including a path for a pipe line over the Allegheny mountains, has been staked out.

It was estimated in Pittsburg that the cost of the 20-inch pipe alone for the line would be \$11,500 per mile. More than 200,000 tons of pipe will be required in the project.

TAFT ATTENDS WEDDING

George H. Snowden and Louise Taft Are Contracting Parties.

Washington, Dec. 30.—President Taft left the capital early this morning for New York to attend the wedding of his niece, Louise Taft, daughter of Henry W. Taft.

Miss Helen Taft and Robert Taft will go with the president as will Captain Butt, his military aide, and his assistant secretary.

Miss Taft will be married to George H. Snowden, of Seattle. The president and his party will reach Washington early Friday morning.

4,500 CAR MEN BENEFITED

Increase of One Cent an Hour Is Given New Jersey Employers.

New York, Dec. 30.—Forty-five hundred motormen and conductors employed on the street car lines controlled by the public-service corporation of New Jersey are to receive an increase of a cent an hour in pay.

The motormen now receive 20 cents an hour in their first year of service and up to 23 cents after ten years or more. Increases of a cent are to be allowed at the beginning of each year thereafter.

BANQUETS JUSTICE LURTON

Nashville Board of Trade Bids Farewell to Jurist.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Nashville has taken formal farewell of Associate Justice Horace H. Lurton of the United States supreme court, who leaves tomorrow for Washington to take the oath of office.

An elaborate banquet at the Maxwell house was tendered by the board of trade of Nashville. More than two hundred covers were laid.

Grade Crossing Claims Victims.

Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Miss Emma Heldstrum, twenty-two years old, trained nurse, and Walter Lindholm, seventeen years old, a driver for Dr. Stratton of Depew, were killed at a grade crossing between here and Depew.

Persistent.

Shopkeeper to commercial traveler. "Can't give you an order. Quite overstocked. Traveler—Let me at least show you my samples. Shopkeeper—Show yourself the trouble. I can't ask at them. Traveler—Then will you show me to look at them myself? It is three weeks since I have seen them."—London Penny Pictorial.

TROPHIES OF THE ROOSEVELT HUNT

Features of Collection Shown at Smithsonian Institution.

IN THE BEST OF CONDITION.

Many Large and Small Mammals and 1,356 Birds—Human Skulls Picked Up Along Ancient Slave Trail Were Also Shown.

Many mammal skulls and birdskins collected by the Roosevelt hunting expedition in East Africa were shown to regents of the Smithsonian institution at Washington after the annual meeting the other day. One of the most interesting exhibits was a collection of almost a dozen skulls of the dikdik, the little antelope about which a good deal has been said in print. There was also a large collection of other antelope skulls, hippopotamuses and rhinoceroses and the skulls of giraffes and of wild boars. The birdskins included a very large number of highly colored small birds, besides a specimen of the rosy pelican and rare herons and the secretary bird.

There were two tables covered with the skulls of rhinoceroses, hippos, immense skulls of giraffes and specimens of bears' skulls with murderous looking tusks. One of the most interesting questions that presented itself to the regents was how a giraffe, with a neck ten feet long, could ever manage to handle the immense skull which was at the end of its great lever.

There was one skull of a rhinoceros shot by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt that nicely displayed what a small brain directs immense brute force. The buller had entered just above the right eye and had blown out the top of the skull, leaving the brain cavity exposed. This was just big enough to make a nice cup for a man's fist.

Brain Capacity Question.

It raised the question anew whether quantity or quality was necessary in the brain development of animals. The rhinoceros is credited with being a stupid animal. At the same time the elephant has almost as small a brain cavity and is rated as one of the most intelligent of animals.

The skull of the dikdik was scarcely as large as that of a small tortoise. When placed alongside the immense skull of an African buffalo it was altogether lost by comparison. There were many other antelope skulls and skulls of other horned cattle.

There were also on view several cases of small birds collected by Dr. Meade, although the larger specimens were nearly all shot by Colonel Roosevelt.

It was said that the collection of skulls and skulls was the best that the Smithsonian ever received. All the specimens were received in better condition than any previous collection. The selection of specimens had been made with great skill.

It is possible that one of the first things that will be done is to arrange an exhibit of the various varieties of some single species with a view to showing how completely the ground has been covered.

Trophies of Expedition.

The secretary of the board reported that 6,663 skulls had been taken by the expedition up to Dec. 10, of which rather less than one-half had been received at the institution.

Those now at the institution are divided briefly as follows: Large mammals, 249; small mammals, about 1,500; birds, 1,356. In addition to these there have been about 2,500 sheets of plants collected whose importance to the national herbarium was very great, as no material had previously been received from this part of Africa.

The collection has a series of human skulls picked up along the line of an ancient slave trail. These are of special importance as illustrating the cranial character of pure bred home Africans. The secretary announced further that as a result of the African expedition a collection of living animals had been presented by Mr. McMillan to the National Zoological park; that an agent of the park had visited Nairobi and received this gift and was soon expected to arrive in the United States with these animals.

Increased Force of German Navy.

The personnel of the German navy will next year be increased by 3,500 men, inclusive of officers and engineers. The total strength of the navy in round numbers will then be 57,000 men. The number of officers will be increased by 100, to approximately 1,900, and the engineers by 40, to a total of about 100. An addition of 3,000 men is to be made to the crews and the deckyard and torpedo divisions. The total strength of the navy, which had only been increased by 15,000 men in the forty years previous to 1888, will have reached in 1910 almost four times the number it counted at the accession of Kaiser Wilhelm II. The new ships to be laid down in 1910 will not exceed the proportions of the naval program of 1904.

Pictures Start New Melody.

Fatigue of the eyes and more or less persistent ocular troubles are produced by the rapid and brief excitations of the retina by the cinematograph. A French physician has given the name of cinematopsia to affections of this character.

OUR SENSE OF SPACE.

Experiments With Infants to Show That It Is Innate.

There are many optical illusions which show that our perception of distance, height and space are acquired rather than instinctive, and in the domain of psychological physiology one of the standing controversies touches this point. The German school of Leipzig is inclined to affirm that all our perceptions of distance, area and solidity and our ability to distinguish between right and left, up and down, before and behind, are acquired as a result of long practice and experience.

A person blind from birth who has learned to distinguish triangles, squares, circles and objects of other forms by touch is not able immediately after the acquisition of sight to distinguish these familiar objects by sight alone. He or she is still compelled to rely on feeling. In the beginning all objects appear to such a person (and perhaps they do so in the case of babies as shapeless, tremulous spots of color situated close to the eye.

In the course of the debate that raged in Germany some experiments were made with babies. It appeared that in babies what must be described for want of a better term as a sense of space seems to exist. The infant was held in the arms of the experimenters for about a minute, at the end of which interval the child was permitted to drop upon its bed. In every instance the child exhibited a dread or panic when it felt the arms of the persons holding it relax. The babe, even at the age of one month, seemed to understand that its support was departing. It held, or rather, clung, at anything it could reach, whether the arm, neck or collar of the person holding it.

From these experiments it has been inferred that there must exist a sense of space almost from infancy. What is the dread of falling but a manifestation of an innate sense of space?—London Post.

SLOW DEATH.

Disease Usually Takes a Long Time to Kill, Says a Scientist.

Few indeed are the men and women of full age, say twenty-five, who have not yet contracted the malady that will kill them, according to that distinguished scientist and physician Dr. Felix Regnaud. Normally, as contemporary investigators are beginning to find out, it takes twenty years for a fatal malady to kill a patient. It may take thirty years. The popular impression is that a man may die suddenly or that he may require only a year to die in or six months. To be sure, a man may be killed or a child may die in a few months at the age of one year. But, ordinarily speaking, all deaths are very slow, indeed, and about 95 per cent of civilized adults are now stricken with fatal diseases. They do not know it. They may not suffer from them. In due time they will have their cases diagnosed as cancer or tuberculosis or diabetes, or what not. But so inveterate are current misconceptions of the nature of death that the origin of the fatal malady—in time—will be miscalculated by from ten to thirty years.

In the case of human beings death, barring accident, is nearly always caused by some specific malady. This malady is as likely as not to be cured—what is called cured. The cure, however, no matter how skillful the treatment or how slight the disease, has left a weakness behind it in some particular organ of the body. One of the organs is, if not prematurely worn out, at least so worn that its resisting powers are greatly diminished. All of us in this way when we have reached a certain age possess an organ that is much older than the rest of the physique. One day we shall die because of this organ. Even if we live to be very old, indeed, we shall not die of old age, but of weakness of the lungs or of the kidneys or of the liver or of the brain.—Current Literature.

A Ten Years' Penance.

It is happily seldom that the revenge of a disappointed husband takes quite such an extreme form as in the case of the man whose wife ran thus: "When I remember that the only happy times I ever enjoyed were when my wife was with me, and when I remember that my married life might, for this reason, be considered to have been a fairly happy one because she was nearly always sulking, I am constrained to forget the repulsion the contemplation of her face inspired me with and leave her the sum of \$60,000 on condition that she undertakes to pass two hours a day at my graveside for the ten years following my decease, in company with her sister, whom I have reason to know she loathes worse than she does myself."—London Tit-Bits.

Didn't Like the Walk.

A north country pitman went with his wife one Saturday night to do a little shopping. They visited a large drapery establishment, and the obsequious shopwalker, having ascertained their requirements, said to the couple politely: "Will you please walk this way?" But unfortunately he walked very lame.

"No, mister," said the pitman, "An' livver hee wakened that way, an' As'm not gannib' to try!"—London Scraps.

Not Decided.

"Never in my life have I deceived my wife."

"Same here. Mine only pretends to believe the yarns I tell."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Tis the mind that makes the body rich."—Shakespeare.

A LOVE TRAGEDY.

Ruskin's Adoration of the Lovely Rose La Touche.

In 1858, when Ruskin was in his fortieth year, he was asked by a friend to give some reasons in drawing to a child named Rose La Touche, whose name, indeed, was French, but whose family were Irish. There sprang up between Ruskin and this young girl a very charming friendship, which, of course, at the time could be nothing but a friendship. They wrote each other letters and exchanged drawings and then for a while they did not meet.

Ten years passed by before they saw each other. Meanwhile the child whom he had remembered as a blue-eyed, saucy, clever little blond with ripe red lips and hair like fine spun gold, had become a very lovely young woman of nineteen. They resumed their old acquaintance, but in a very different way. Though Ruskin was now nearly fifty, he gave to Rose La Touche an adoration and a passion such as he had never felt before. His side she no longer thought of him as "very ugly," but was singularly drawn to him despite the difference in their years.

The two met often. They took long strolls together in the pleasant fields of Surrey, and at last Ruskin begged her to make him happy and to be his wife. Oddly enough, however, she hesitated, not because he was so much older than herself, but because he had ceased to be what she regarded as "a true believer." Some of the things that he had written shocked her as being almost atheistic. She was her self, underneath all her gaiety of manner, a rigid and uncompromising Protestant. She used phrases from the Bible in her ordinary talk, and when she spoke of marriage with John Ruskin she said that she could not endure to be "yoked with an unbeliever."

Yet her heart was torn at the thought of sending him away, and so for several years their intimacy continued, he pleading with her and striving hard to make her see that love was every thing. She, on the other hand, read over those passages of the Old Testament which seemed to bar all compromise.

At last, in 1872, when she was twenty-four and he was fifty-three, she gave him her final answer. She would not marry him unless he could believe as she did. His honesty forbade him to deceive her by a pretended conversion, and so they parted, never to see each other again. How deeply she was affected is shown by the fact that she soon fell ill. She grew worse and worse until at last it was quite certain that she could not live. Then Ruskin wrote to her and begged that she might see her. She answered with a note in which she feebly traced the words: "You may come if you can tell me that you love God more than you love me."

When Ruskin read this his very soul was racked with agony, and he cried out: "No, no; then I cannot go to her, for I love her even more than God!"

When she died, as she did soon after the light of his life went out for Ruskin—Lyndon Orr in Munsey's Magazine.

The Ocean's Age.

The ocean, of course, is not as old as the earth, because it could not be formed until the surface of the globe had sufficiently cooled to retain water upon it, but it seems chimerical to try to measure the age of the sea. Nevertheless Professor Joly undertook the task, basing his estimate upon the ratio of the amount of sodium it contains to that annually contributed by the washing from the continents. It thus reached the conclusion that the ocean has been in existence between 80,000,000 and 170,000,000 years. This does not seem a very definite determination, but then in geology estimates of time in years are extremely difficult because of the uncertainty of the elements of the calculation. The most that can be said for such results is that they are probable.

Couldn't Signal It!

During some tactical operations one of the ships of the squadron had made some bad blunders, and at length the admiral completely lost his temper. He stormed about his quarterdeck and informed his hearers of his opinion of the officer in command of the erring ship. When he paused for want of breath he turned to the signaler and said to him: "And you can tell him that, sir!"

Cannibalism.

Among regular cannibals the most varied motives have been found. There are Indians who are said to eat their enemies by way of insult and Austrians who consume their deceased parents as a mark of affection. Some tribes devour the dead enemy to abolish him utterly, others to assimilate his virtues. Africa has revealed cannibalism of every sort, from the most solemn religious rite to the most prosaic gratification of appetite and taste.

Traced a Long Way.

She—How far can your ancestry be traced? He—Well, when my grandfather resigned his position as cashier of a country bank they traced him as far as China, but he got away.—London Tit-Bits.

The Remedy.

"What do you think of a man with a rip in his coat and only three buttons on his vest?"

"He should either get married or divorced."—Boston Transcript.

DICKINSON HAS AGAIN RESIGNED

Organized Carnegie Trust Company—His First President.

J. B. REICHMANN SUCCEEDS HIM

Notice of Resignation States He Will Retain His Holdings in Company and Also Remain a Member of Board of Directors and Executive Committee—Lenses Lacking Sufficient Security Is Probable Cause.

New York, Dec. 30.—Charles C. Dickinson, who organized the Carnegie Trust company, was its first president, retired in favor of Leslie M. Shaw, just resigned as secretary of the treasury, and subsequently ousted Mr. Shaw, has again resigned. Joseph B. Reichmann, president of the National Starch company, has been chosen to succeed him.

R. B. Moorhead, secretary of the Carnegie Trust company, has sent out notices saying that Mr. Dickinson presided at the board meeting at which his resignation was tendered and accepted, and thanked the directors for their co-operation with him during his administration. The notice also states that Mr. Dickinson retains his large interest in the company and will remain a member of the board of directors and the executive committee.

James Ross Curran, who has been ranking vice president for the past year, said that the company had loaned money to the late George P. Shelton, president of the Phenix Fire Insurance company, and that the company had at the same time a substantial deposit of the insurance company's funds. He did not state the amount of either loans or deposit. From other directors it was learned that neither is of sufficient consequence to embarrass the trust company to the slightest extent. However, it was not denied that the loans to Sheldon were made in his own name, and seemingly for the sole reason that he deposited company funds with the institution.

Sheldon's personal estate, it was said, is ample to cover whatever paper loss the Carnegie Trust company may have sustained.

Tariff Revision Bill Passed.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The chamber of deputies, by a vote of 356 to 42, has passed the tariff revision bill, which will become operative on March 1 of next year.

The Weather.

Illinois—Frost and cold today; warmer with snow or rain tomorrow.

THE MARKETS

Cash Grain Market.

Winter wheat by sample: No. 2 red, \$1.24@1.25½; No. 3 red, \$1.17@1.24; No. 2 hard, \$1.16@1.17; No. 3 hard, \$1.10@1.14. Spring wheat by sample: No. 1 northern, \$1.16½@1.20; No. 2 northern, \$1.15@1.17½; No. 3 spring, \$1.12@1.17. Corn by sample: No. 3 white, 81c; No. 3 yellow, 60½@61c; No. 4, 58½@59c. Oats by sample: No. 2 white, 46½c; No. 3 white, 44½@45c; No. 4 white, 42½@44½c; standard, 45c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Hogs—Receipts 23,000. Quotations ranged at \$5.55@5.75 for choice heavy, \$5.20@5.45 choice light, \$5.30@5.55 heavy packing, \$5.00@5.25 good to choice pigs.

Cattle—Receipts 15,000. Quotations ranged at \$8.50@9.00 for choice to prime steers, \$4.00@5.00 good to choice beef cows, \$4.50@6.00 good to choice heifers, \$9.00@9.75 good to choice calves, \$5.00@5.50 selected feeders, \$4.00@4.40 good to choice stockers.

Sheep—Receipts 15,000. Quotations ranged at \$7.75@8.50 for good to choice lambs, \$5.50@5.75 good to choice wethers, \$5.00@5.85 good to choice ewes.

Live Poultry.

Turkeys, per lb, 17c; chickens, fowls, 14c; roosters, 8c; springs, 14c; geese, 11c; ducks, 14c.

Potatoes.

Choice to fancy, 45@48c; fair to good, 38@42c.

Omaha Live Stock.

Cattle—Receipts 2,500 head; market steady to strong; native steers, \$4.00@8.00; cows and heifers, \$3.00@5.25; western steers, \$3.50@6.25; Texas steers, \$3.00@5.10; cows and heifers, \$2.80@4.40; canners, \$2.25@3.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@5.10; calves, \$3.50@7.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.75@4.40.

Hogs—Receipts 4,700 head; market 5@10c lower; heavy, \$8.30@8.40; mixed, \$8.25@8.30; light, \$8.20@8.35; pigs, \$6.75@7.75; bulk of sales, \$8.25@8.35.

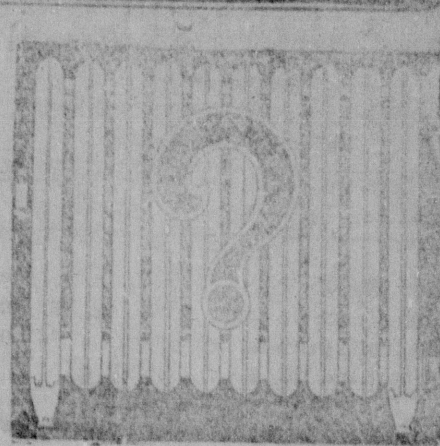
Sheep—Receipts 2,000 head; market strong; yearlings, \$5.75@7.00; wethers, \$5.00@5.60; ewes, \$4.50@5.50; lambs, \$7.00@8.00.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 1 car, market steady. Hogs—Receipts 10 cars, market strong; all grades, \$9.00. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 10 cars, market strong; best lambs, \$8.75; yearlings, \$7.00@7.50; wethers, \$5.75@6.00; ewes, \$5.25@5.50. Cattle—Head, \$5.00@10.00.

Elgin Butter Market.

Creamery, extra, 26c; prints, 33c; extra first, 32c; bests, 30@31c; dairies, extra, 30c; first, 27c; packing stock, 23½c.



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shine in.
—Whittier.

CRITICISM OF THE COURT.

Criticism of the Illinois supreme court for its refusal to assist the general assembly in the task of framing a constitutional primary election law is general. Newspapers in other states are commenting on the situation brought about by the tribunal, and the expression of opinion is decidedly adverse to the attitude of that body.

The Springfield, Mass., Republican one of the most conservative of eastern papers and a stickler for traditions which hallow everything having to do with the judiciary, expresses surprise at the decision of the Illinois judges. "Their extraordinary course in this case is costing the state of Illinois large sums of money, let alone the demoralization into which the election laws have been brought," it says.

Speaking of the unanimity of lay opinion as to the court's action the Peoria Journal remarks: "There may be papers in the state that take the same view in the matter that was taken by the court in its refusal to accede to the demand of the governor, or rather, the request of the executive, but if there be any such they have not reached the exchange table of the Journal."—State Journal.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Judiciary Temperament.

President Taft has prepared a 5000 word opinion on the subject: What is whisky? General Sherman described war in one word, but General Sherman did not have the judiciary temperament. —Kansas City Star.

Loss to Whole World.

The death of Frederick Remington is a loss to the art of the whole world. He created a new school and did more than any other artist to depict the strenuous life of the frontier during the conquering of the west. His Indians, soldiers, cowboys and horses and game animals are the unmistakable work of the man who knows. —Inter Ocean.

As a Matter of Fact.

It is announced that there is a row between the men and women of Belgrade. As a matter of fact there is a row between the men and women everywhere. —Topeka Capital.

The Danger Zone.

Perhaps it will be better for persons who have no urgent business to transact with Senator LaFollette to keep away from him for a few days. He is suffering with a carbuncle. —Chicago Tribune.

For Heated Discussion.

A St. Louis preacher says there will be no lawyers in heaven. If not the speaker of the house will be forced to adopt Uncle Joe's rules. —Kirkville, Mo., Journal.

Only a Remnant.

That St. Louis man who had to pay \$50 for kissing a girl on the chin must have been awfully thankful that he got only a remnant. —Carthage, Mo., Press.

And Other Places.

The ancient query: Is the young man Absalom safe? is a query that needs to be revived in Little Rock, judging from the police court records. —Arkansas Democrat.

Craving and Getting.

A Baltimore widower with seven children has married a widow with five stepchildren. Some people just naturally crave excitement. —Hous- ton Post.

Cook's Proper Class.

Anyhow, Dr. Cook sailed away \$80,000 or \$100,000 before the big crash came, which may entitle him to associate with the misfactors of great wealth. —Kansas City Star.

ADVICE TO HUSBANDS

Give Up Your Barren Scepter as Master of the House.

JOHN HAY'S FIRST SPEECH.

A Witty Response to the Toast "Our Countrywomen" at a Banquet in Paris When He Was Secretary of Legation in the French Capital.

By official proclamation President Johnson set apart the first Thursday of December, 1895, as a day of national thanksgiving. The American residents and visitors in Paris deemed it an occasion to be celebrated with more than usual ceremony. The result was that at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 7th of December some 253 of our countrymen sat down to a dinner in the spacious dining room of the Grand hotel in Paris, then regarded by travelers as the most elegant public dining hall in Europe.

After a succession of speeches the chairman closed the entertainment with a toast to "Our Countrywomen" and asked Colonel John Hay, then secretary of legation in Paris, to respond to it. As this was probably the first public speech Mr. Hay had ever made and though nothing he then said could possibly add any luster to his subsequent career, it may justly be said that it was more successful than the first public effort in oratory either of Sheridan or of Beaconsfield. He replied in part as follows:

"My Countrymen and I would say my countrywomen but that the former word embraces the latter whenever opportunity offers—I cannot understand why I should have been called upon to respond to this toast of all others, having nothing but theoretical ideas upon the subject to be treated—one, in fact, I must be presumed never to have handled. [Laughter and applause.]

"I have been called up, too, by a committee of married men. I can think of no claim I have to be considered an authority in these matters except what might arise from the fact of my having resided in early life in the same neighborhood with Brigham Young, who has since gained some reputation as a thorough and practical ladies' man. [Great laughter.] I am not conscious, however, of having imbibed any such wisdom at the feet of this patriarchal Gamaliel as should justify me to be heard among the elders.

"So I am inevitably forced to the conclusion that these husbands cannot trust each other's discretion. The secrets of the prison house are too important to be trusted to one of the prisoners. So ignorance of the matter in hand has come to be held an absolute prerequisite when any one is to be sacrificed to the exigencies of this toast.

"I really do not see why this should be so. It is useless for husbands to attempt to keep this thin veneering of a semblance of authority. The symbols of government they still retain deceive nobody. They may comfort themselves with the assurance of some vague, invisible supremacy, like that of the spiritual mikado or the grand lama, but the true tycoon is the wife. A witty and profound observer the other day said, 'Every husband doubtless knows he is master in his own house, but he also knows his neighbor's wife is master in hers.' [Laughter and cheers.]

"Why should not you, husbands of America, admit this great truth and give up the barren scepter? Things would go much easier if you ceased the struggle to keep up appearances. The ladies will not be hard on you. They will recognize the fact that, after all, you are their fellow creatures, and you can be very useful to them in many little ways. They will doubtless allow you to pay their bills, take care of their children and carry their votes to the ballot box just as you do now.

"You had better come down gracefully, and above all, let no feeling of discovered inferiority betray you into evil speaking of the domestic powers. There have been recent instances of distinguished gentlemen, no doubt instigated by rebellious husbands, who have recklessly accused these guardian angels of your fireside of being extravagant and frivolous. These things are never uttered with impunity. I would not insure the life of one who libels the ladies for less than cent per cent.

"Discite justitium moniti et non temere Divas, which, as you may not understand the backwoods pronunciation of the classic warning, I will translate with a freedom befitting the day we celebrate:

"Now, all you happy husbands, Beware the rebel's fate! Live in obedience all your lives, Give up your latekeys to your wives And never stay out late."

[Laughter and cheers.]—From John Bigelow's "Retrospections of an Active Life" in Metropolitan Magazine.

The Alternative.

Constituent—Say, Bill, the salary that goes with my job isn't half enough to live on. Can't you use your influence to have it raised a little? Alderman—I'm afraid not, Jake. But I'll do better than that. I'll use my influence to have a cheaper man appointed to the place. —Chicago Tribune.

A Quick Thinker.

Dittersdorf—Here come two evil looking rascals. I shouldn't wonder if we were held up. Helms—I'm afraid so. By the bye, here's that dollar you lent me this morning. —Megendorfer Blatter.

Dramatic Notes

DIXON OPERA HOUSE.

Patrons of the Dixon opera house should certainly get their fill of good vaudeville the rest of the week. Having had many requests to get a male quartet by lovers of music, the management announces the Eclipse Comedy Four for tonight and the balance of the week. Manager Ashling is only too willing to favor the people with what they want, if they will make their wants known. This is a quartet of fine singers and their act is exceedingly funny.

Grace Armond, character comedienne, known as "The Foolish Liz of Vaudeville," is also on the bill. She is a very clever woman and carries good songs and interesting funny stories.

No doubt almost every man and woman in Dixon has heard of "Consul," the great near-human monkey which for two weeks was the feature of the bill at the American Music hall, Chicago, where the chimpanzee marvel was the talk of the town and hundreds were unable to gain admittance every day.

Dixon people will have an opportunity to see Consul in moving pictures at the opera house Saturday and Sunday only. These pictures were taken six weeks ago at close focus and afford a clear view of the animal, the film being 810 feet long.

For the small price of admission, Dixon people may see what thousands of Chicago people willing to pay a dollar for were refused. This is only one of the advantages which brings the world before your eyes in motion pictures.

ST. ELMO AT STERLING.

The Academy of Music announces that on Monday evening the play "St. Elmo" will be presented at their play house by a strong cast. It is a big class play and will repay any one for the trip to and from our sister city. The interurban car leaves Dixon at 7 o'clock and will reach Sterling in time for the opening act.

SIDE LIGHTS ON M'LAURIN.

Mississippi Senator Was One of the Senate's Most Popular Members.

Senator Anslem Joseph McLaurin, who recently died at his home in Brandon, Miss., was one of the most popular men in the United States senate. His Republican associates had as high regard for him as his Democratic colleagues had. His good humor was constant, and his executive session stories were a cause of great joy to those who served with him in the senate.

Senator McLaurin was born March 26, 1848, at Brandon, Miss., which was his legal residence up to the time of his death. When less than a year old he was taken by his parents to Smith county, Miss., where he lived on a farm and attended school occasionally.

At the age of sixteen years he joined the Confederate army and served throughout the late unpleasantness as a private. After the war he managed to take an educational course of two years at Summerville institute.

He began to practice law in 1868, was elected district attorney in 1871, went to the legislature in 1879 and became governor of Mississippi in 1895. In 1900, the year after his term as governor expired, he was elected to the United States senate and began his service on March 4, 1901. He was elected for another term of six years in 1907.

Senator McLaurin was married to Miss Laura Rauch on Washington's birthday, in 1870. Ten children were born to them, of whom seven are living.

In one executive session of the senate when the nomination of Dr. Crum, the negro collector of customs at Charleston, S. C., was under consideration, Senator McLaurin entertained his colleagues with negro stories, which were received with much laughter. To illustrate a contention that the negro was treated better in the south than in the north Mr. McLaurin told of the experience of a Mississippi negro who sold his farm and went to Kansas, where he was assured of prosperity.

Kansas proved a failure, however, and after losing nearly all his money the negro started back for Mississippi. He had no trouble in obtaining food and lodging on the way as long as he paid for them, but when his money was exhausted he was obliged to sleep in barns and pick up what he could to eat from orchards and berry patches. One day he applied at a house for food and shelter and explained that he had no money.

"Who asked you for money, you black rascal?" cried the owner of the house, a white man. "I'll give you food and lodging, but you go to the kitchen door the next time, you black rascal, you!"

"Bress my heart," cried the negro, throwing up his hands in joy, "I's among my own people at last!"

Mr. McLaurin was one of the most industrious members of the senate. He was a member of eleven committees and attended to his duties on all of them.

Alderman Mark Smith went to Am boy today.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

At Cards.

Mrs. A. J. Scriven entertained on Tuesday evening with cards.

Gave Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shaw gave a dinner on Tuesday evening to a few friends.

Mrs. Young Entertained.

Mrs. Frank Young entertained at dinner last Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wallie Worthington, who expected to go to Florida to spend the winter.

Gave Dinner.

Rev. and Mrs. Hilbish entertained a few friends at dinner last evening.

Thursday Card Club.

The Thursday Card club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Grant.

A large number of people will go to Sterling Monday evening on the interurban cars to witness the thrilling play "St. Elmo" at the Academy of Music.

Missionary Society.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Presbyterian church will meet Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church.

Dined in Country.

Rev. A. R. Spicer and family enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Smith for dinner Tuesday at their farm home east of this city.

Invincibles to Meet.

The invincibles will meet on Friday with Miss Dorothy Dimick at her home on Peoria avenue.

At DePuy Home.

Miss Ethel Preston was entertained at the DePuy home east of town on Christmas.

Basket Social.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church will hold a basket social tonight at Rosbrook & Mumma's millinery store. Everybody invited.

Gave Dinner.

Mrs. Charles Stillely entertained twelve guests at dinner last evening at her home on Everett street. The table was beautifully decorated in red, holly berries and red shaded candelabra being used.

Navajo Club.

The Navajo club today issued invitations for their first annual New Years party, which will take place in Rosbrook hall Wednesday evening, Jan. 5. They have secured the Swanson, Swasey Postle orchestra of DeKalb to furnish the music. This orchestra comes highly recommended and will make this their initial trip to Dixon.

Elks Entertain.

Last evening proved an enjoyable one to those who attended the informal social at the Elks club rooms, the Elks exerting themselves to entertain their guests in a delightful manner and they as usual proved themselves ideal hosts. Cards, music and dancing were features of the evening. John Moyer had furnished an Edison Ambrola to give music for the delight of the guests. Later in the evening W. G. Kent brought some high class vaudeville to the club rooms from his theatre and the acts given were highly appreciated. Altogether it was a very pleasant evening.

New Year's at Elks' Club.

The Elks club will entertain members and ladies New Year's afternoon with a concert by the Imperial orchestra, when the following fine program will be given, beginning at 3 o'clock:

Part One.

- 1 March—Toccotum Morse
- 2 Selection—Goddess of Liberty..... Howard
- 3 Clarinet Solo—Serenade and Polonaise..... Strong
- 4 Waltz—The Third Degree..... Bendix
- 5 Overture—Berlin in Smiles and Tears..... Conrad

Part Two.

- 6 South American Dance, Carisima..... Huffer
- 7 (a) Cribbirbba Pestalozzi
- (b) Hungarian Dance No. 6..... Brahms

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TROUBLE IN UNLOADING
SCREENINGS.

NEWS OF WEEK END IN HARMON

Body of Little Alice Bohlken Buried
in Dixon Today—Per-
sonal News.

Harmon, Ill., Dec. 30.—Work on the macadamized roads of Harmon will be completed for this winter when one car containing screenings for top dressing is unloaded. It has been on the track here for some time and is causing considerable hard work to unload, because of extreme cold and wet weather, it is cemented and frozen together.

It will take about two car loads of the finest layer of rock to complete the top dressing on about 80 rods of the road, when weather permits.

Buried in Dixon.
Alice Marian, the seven weeks old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bohlken, died Tuesday night and funeral services will be held at the home this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. Father Foley officiating. Interment will be in Oakwood cemetery at Dixon. The child had not been well from birth. Mr. Bohlken lives in the northwest corner part of Marion township.

Elizabeth Richardson Dies.
A message has been received here conveying the sad intelligence of the death on Monday, Dec. 27, of Miss Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Wm. Richardson of Swea City, Ia. Miss Richardson was 18 years old. Interment was at Swea City Wednesday. Mr. Richardson is a brother of Mrs. E. H. Kugler and Mrs. Richardson is a sister of W. H. and F. H. Kugler. They regretted much that they were unable to attend the funeral.

Personals.
Bernard McKevitt went to Texas Thursday to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. McElroy.

Louis Herzog, section foreman on the Q. here, has been hiring all the men he can get to clear the tracks of snow. The work is now completed.

Supervisor T. P. Long and Thomas Durr were in Dixon and Sterling on Tuesday.

Delbert Eakle was in Dixon Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bollman who went to Dixon Friday for a Christmas visit with relatives, came home Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Kelly spent Wednesday and Thursday in Sterling with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Ross and daughter Esther came home Wednesday from a visit with Dr. Jonas Carlisle and family of Robinson, this state.

John Jaynes of Deer Grove was a Harmon visitor between trains Monday.

Alonso Conner ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. George Saum.

Many from this vicinity attended the George Hermes sale Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Saum is recovering from a severe cold.

Mrs. D. P. Crook returned from Sterling where she made a holiday visit with relatives.

Mrs. H. J. Durr went to Freeport Tuesday because of the advent of a son in the Cleg Huyett home. Mrs. Huyett was formerly Miss Emma Long.

Clarence Durr was in Dixon Tuesday.

Miss Katie Long visited with Sterling relatives from Tuesday to Thursday this week.

Miss Ina Kugler and brother Willie came home Wednesday from Cedar Rapids, Ia., where they spent Christmas with relatives.

Rev. and Mrs. T. G. Willstead and daughter, Miss Blanche, returned from Galesburg Tuesday, having gone there for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Miss Minnie Crook and Mrs. Evelyn Ingersoll of Sterling, sisters of D. P. Crook, were guests Thursday

at the Crook home.

Miss Nellie Parker is clerking in W. H. Kugler's store until she can get a position as school teacher. It may not be long, as teachers are scarce. Nellie has been persevering and her many friends hope that she will soon succeed in securing a position in her chosen vocation.

New Years day being a holiday day of obligation, there will be services at St. Flannen's church at 9 o'clock a. m.

Rev. Father Smith has had an acetylene gas plant installed in his residence. Amboy parties did the work.

Prestin's orchestra of Sterling is furnishing the music for St. Flannen's bazar.

Misses Agnes and Anna McCormick visited in Dixon Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate Mongoven and children are here from Chicago.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Camery, born Christmas morning, died on Wednesday at 4 o'clock a. m.

Because of the difficulty encountered on account of deep snow in moving from place to place, John Schaeffer has decided to quit operating his corn shellers until roads are better.

Misses Mary and Hannah McCormick of Sterling, who were visiting their sister, Mrs. R. M. Long, since Friday, returned home Tuesday evening.

The attendance at St. Flannen's bazar on Tuesday evening was very large.

Samuel Hadden had a car load of coal shipped here last week and sold it from the car.

PERSONAL MENTION

W. E. Servis of aLSalle was here yesterday.

Mrs. Elmer Myers is visiting her sister at Moline.

Ray Miller and Fred Hueter went to Ashton today.

Mayor Edwards is recovering from a several days' illness.

John Roberts spent last evening in Sterling with friends.

Frank Chiverton is spending the holidays in Winfield, Kas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd and daughters went to Chicago this morning.

Bert Delp visited friends and relatives in Sterling Wednesday evening.

Miss Margaret Lehman is visiting relatives for a few days in the Kingdom.

Henry Carr has gone back to St. Louis after a Christmas visit in this city.

Miss Ethel Johnson of Aurora is here for a visit with friends and relatives.

Harry Waterman returned yesterday from a visit in Benton Harbor, Mich.

J. C. Holmes of Amboy was here today transacting business and visiting friends.

Edward Burke returned to Chicago after spending a few days with relatives here.

Harold Hyde will arrive this evening from Chicago to visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. H. W. Leydig went to Sterling this morning to attend a reunion of her family.

Miss McFadden, T. N., returned from Sublette where she has been on professional business.

Alderman and Mrs. H. C. Dixon left this morning for Chicago and Cleveland to visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henry of Des Moines, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Raffenberg, have returned home.

Miss Kate Brown will return to her home in Mendota tomorrow, after spending several days here with her sister, Miss Jessie Brown.

Misses Minnie Gennette and Arvilla Richison of Chicago and Myron Cummins and Clarence McPherson of Dixon visited in Sterling last evening.

On account of the death of his relative, P. R. Wilhelm, Rose Crawford is not on duty at the American Express office.

PRIZES AWARDED AT CHICKEN SHOW

SEVERAL LOCAL FANCIERS SECURE PRIZES ON THEIR EXHIBITS.

IT IS BEING WELL ATTENDED

All Ribbons Have Not Been Posted, But Will Be By This Evening.

There was a good attendance at the poultry show last evening and the members of the association regret very much that they did not have all the ribbons displayed on the pens, as anticipated. They worked the entire evening judging the pens. They will have all pen prizes out this evening so that the people who attend can see the prize winners of the show.

Although the number of fowls on exhibition is not nearly up to last year's number it is due to the fact that Polo and other nearby towns who had their birds here last year, have them at the Oregon show, in progress this week. Nevertheless the chicken fanciers present state that what it lacks in quantity is made up in quality. The largest number of fowls of one kind on exhibition are the Rhode Island Reds, 53 in number.

The largest individual entry is that of John Lueblow, 23 Silver Spangle Hamburgs.

On account of Secy. Geo. Fuestman not having all the prize winners recorded in his book we are unable to give a special list of them but expect to be able to give a complete list tomorrow.

Some Prize Winners.

Edward Zoeller won the sweepstakes in the Wyandotte class, getting first on pullet, first on cock, first and second on pullet and first and third on hen.

Smith Ayres has a beautiful exhibit of Rose Combed Rhode Island Reds. He secured first and second on hen, first on pullet and first on cockerel.

Charles Andres' Rhode Island Whites secured first on cock and first on hen.

One of the latest to arrive in the exhibit of Bourbon turkeys was that of Walter Merriman, which came yesterday.

Geo. Fuestman has a beautiful exhibit of Buff Cochins. First, second, third and fourth on hen; first, second and third on pullet; first and second cockerel are his prizes.

Steve Youngman carried off the prizes on Black Minorcas and secured one, two, three and four on hen; one, two, three and four on pullet; one, two and three, cockerel, and four on cock.

During the show last evening Miss Myrtle Rice entertained the audience with several excellent piano solos.

Oil Bathing.

Oil bathing is a regular institution among the Hindus. An experienced masseur rubs the oil on his patrons, friends or relatives generally once a week. And it is a fact that moles, warts and such faults of the surface of the skin are very rare among them. The newborn infant gets the oil bath daily for forty days. The intervals are then gradually lengthened. But he will be considered a very healthy boy who during his school days likes to shirk the oil bath at least once a week. As a youngster he yell all the time he is being bathed. Perhaps it is good for his lungs. Anyhow, nobody thinks of finding fault with the nurse for the hallooing of her charge, and generally speaking it may be said that Indians have better lungs and better pectorals as compared to the body weight than the Europeans, and the feminine bust is decidedly fuller and more perfect.—C. N. Saldanha in Lancet.

How to Carry Books.

The Philadelphia free library permits patrons to take out six books at a time during certain months.

"If you are not going to wrap those books up let me show you how to carry them," said one of the assistants at the library recently.

Then the young woman slipped a cover of one book inside of a cover of one she placed on the top of it, building up a pile of six books in this fashion, and the man addressed, who was carrying the volumes home to please his wife, the reader of the family, found his difficulties were much lessened.—Philadelphia Press.

Frank Hart of Bradford township was here today on real estate business.

Deputy Sheriff Wm. Harrison of Amboy was here today on business with Sheriff Tourtellott.

Sheriff Tourtellott made a trip to Amboy yesterday.

John King, who is seriously ill at the Dixon hospital, is much better today.

THE SPORTING NEWS

HIGH ROLLERS WON SECOND CONTEST

ARE NOW 103 PINS AHEAD OF CLIFFORD GRAY'S ALL STAR BOWLERS.

Moore's High Rollers won the 2nd contest of the bowling tournament over Gray's All Stars at the opera house alleys last evening, by 36 pins. The former rolled 2430 and the latter 2394 pins. Fritz rolled 194 and Self 192, which were the high scores of the evening. The High Rollers are now 103 pins in the lead in the tournament. The next contest will be played on next Wednesday evening.

The scores:

All Stars.			
Self	134	192	179
Gray	133	154	138
Poole	154	151	151
Ankeny	136	153	154
Fritz	175	194	176

Totals	752	844	798
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High Rollers.

Peters	169	175	166
Anderson	168	127	15
Gonnerman	175	179	136
Maxon	166	160	180
Moore	151	154	171

Totals	829	795	806
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ELKS' BILLIARD TEAMS ARE CLOSE ON POINTS

AFTER GAMES LAST NIGHT THE DIFFERENCE WAS ONLY THREE POINTS.

The Elks billiard tournament promises to be one of the closest in the history of the local lodge. Three games were played yesterday afternoon and last evening, two of the contests being won by Jones' men, so they now have Demarest's lead cut down to three points.

Their respective standings are:

Demarest—201.

Jones—198.

Burright of Demarest's team was defeated by Buckaloo of Jones' team, 38 to 50.

Ford of Demarest's team, lost to Van Bibber, 7 to 25.

Vaile of Demarest's team won over L. B. Miller of Jones' team by the score of 50 to 28.

TALL IOWA LADS

BASKETBALL GAME

The Central college basketball team from Pella, Ia., trimmed the Dixon high school lads at the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night to the tune of 45 to 36. Those who saw the game agree that it was to the credit of the boys that they held the visitors down as they did. The five Iowa men averaged 6 ft. 1 in. in height and are all artists at the game.

SUPPRESSED.

A Story That Won a Prize and Yet Was Never Published.

A number of years ago a series of prizes for the best detective story was offered by a certain well known western newspaper, and the late E. R. Burton, in collaboration with a fellow craftsman, entered the competition. Their story, the theme of which involved an ingenious method of robbing a safe in spite of the protection afforded by a time lock, was one of the five which won prizes, and the authors' portraits were duly published in the issue of the paper which announced the result of the competition. The prize money, constituting a considerable sum, was promptly paid over, but to the author's surprise, although the other four winning stories were published, that of the time lock failed to appear. After a few weeks a representative of the paper called upon Mr. Burton, explaining that the editor was anxious to know what authority he had for his story and whether it would really be possible to rob a bank after the fashion that he had set forth. With the help of a pencil and a few diagrams Mr. Burton easily proved the accuracy of the method to the apparent satisfaction of his interviewer and thereafter looked forward to a prompt appearance of the story. But a few days later the secret of the delay was revealed. A special envoy of the paper waited upon him, full of consternation and apology, and prepared to make any amends within reason, but was emphatic in announcing that it was absolutely impossible to publish the story, because after expert investigation they had become convinced that if it should appear in print it would destroy the protective power of every time lock safe in the country, and the representative of the newspaper did not take his leave until he had obtained what Mr. Burton under the circumstances easily granted—a signed agreement releasing the paper from its obligation to publish the story and solemnly pledging himself not to attempt to publish it elsewhere. Accordingly the curiosity plucked by this bit of inside history is likely never to be gratified.—Bookman.

A Happy New Year.

It is with much gratitude we announce that this week closes the most successful year in the business history of our Dixon and Sterling stores. In number of sales and volume of business the increase has been greater than ever before attained by either of these big stores. For the generous patronage of those who made this new record possible we are indeed grateful and wish them and all a Happy New Year.

The fact that both these big stores should break their sales record is not only an indication of progress but demonstrates beyond question their ability to provide more desirable merchandise and give better values.

In the Year Ahead

it shall be the purpose of this store to offer greater inducements for your patronage, extending to you the most courteous treatment, giving you better values than heretofore, and placing at your disposal the best obtainable in Men's and Boys' Wearing Apparel.

VAILE AND
SMALLEY

OPERA HOUSE

Change of Program Tonight.
Just What You've Been Awaiting for

ECLIPSE COMEDY

High Class FOUR Comedy Singing

Male Quartette

FUN! FUN! FUN!

Presenting their Screaming School Act.

Note—We have had numerous requests to get a quartette and are willing at all times to satisfy the wants of our patrons. If they will make them known.

GRACE ARMOND

THE FOOLISH LIZ OF VAUDEVILLE

Special Matinee

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Have You Heard About

CONSUL

The Real Chimpanzee Marvel—The Almost Man, that Does Everything but Talk.

Saturday and Sunday, as a special attraction we will have Moving Pictures of this Great, Popular Animal—which was the attraction for two weeks at the AMERICAN MUSIC HALL, CHICAGO. This Picture will be the Talk of the Town.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

STERLING, ILL.

MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd.

"ST. ELMO"

Augusta J. Evan's novel dramatized by

Grace Hayward

Presented by a Strong Cast of High Class Players,

A STRONG PLAY FROM A POWERFUL BOOK.

The Story of the Triumph over a Blackened Soul.

PRICES 25, 50, 75 & \$1.00

MINONK COAL

Makes Warm Friends.

\$3.75 per ton delivered

\$3.50 per ton at sheds.

Prices subject to change.

SOLD ONLY BY

PALMYRA CASH COAL CO

Yards on Milk Factory Switch

HOME PHONE 164.

If people only said what they thought, there would not be so much talking.

A week filled up with selfishness and a Sabbath stuffed full of religious exercises will make a good Pharisee but a poor christian. There are many persons who think Sunday is a sponge with which to wipe out the sins of a week.

Hard and Soft Coal,

Solvay Coke, Kindling, Lime, Cement, Salt, Hard Wall Plaster and Brick.

Thos. Young,

South End of Bridge—Home Phone 110.



New Year CAKES

Pastries, pies and other good things for the table had best be procured of ANKNEY BROS. Bakery, if you want them of superior quality. We make a specialty of all kinds of PASTRY GOODS.

Ankney Bros.,
212 First St.

Successors to Sproul's Bakery.

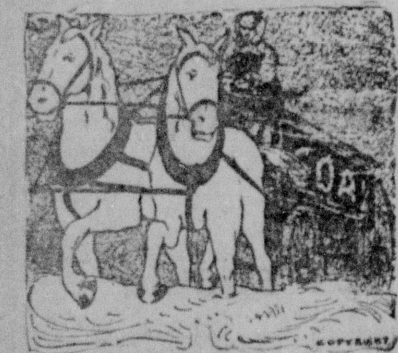
We Handle in Soft Coal New Kentucky Carterville Franklin Co Coals

Other Grades it Wanted
Also Scranton and Cross Creek
Lehigh Hard Coal.

Office open every Tuesday and Saturday
evenings.

Kindling, Mason Supplies, Etc.

Vaile & McIntyre.
112 Depot Ave. Both Phone



The North Wind Doth Blow and We Shall Have Snow

What are you going to do then?

Let it snow, of course, but
how about that COAL you'll
need to keep yourself warm?

Hadn't you better
give us your order?

W. D. Drew
90 PEORIA AVE.

Special Prices

on Ladies' Silk-Lined Gloves and fine
Leather and Mating Suit Cases—
These are delayed shipments. They
did not arrive in time for Christmas
trade and must be closed out.

Heavy Underwear and Men's
Mittens at

**TODD'S HAT
STORE**
Opera House Block
HOME PHONE 465

Sorority Chocolates--

TAYLOR-MADE

A Sweet New Year's Gift for the Lady,

AT

ROWLAND BROS.,
DIXON DRUGGISTS. ILLINOIS

Of Interest to Users of Hot Plates and Light Housekeepers:

WITH THE

"Tripple-Trick" Roaster

Over one Gas or other flame burner you can get up a
good dinner of roast meat and vegetable---the roast
does not have to be basted, and the getting of the
meal does not take up any of your time.

Put you food in the "Tripple-trick" Roaster, go
wherever you wish, and when you return your meal
is ready.

Price of Roasters \$2.50 and \$3.50

Lee County Lighting Co.

E. S. Munson Cash Grocery

107 PEORIA AVE. HOME PHONE 28
Goods Delivered Free to Any Part of the City—Call Us Up

TO AILING WOMEN.

A LITTLE SOUND ADVICE WILL
HELP MANY A SUFFERER
IN DIXON.

No woman can be healthy and well
if the kidneys are sick. Poisons that
pass off in the secretions when the
kidneys are well, are retained in the
body when the kidneys are sick. Kid-
neys and bladder become inflamed
and swollen and worse troubles
quickly follow. This is often the
cause of bearing down pains, lame-
ness, backache, sideache, etc. Uric
poisoning also causes headache, diz-
zy spells, languor, nervousness and
rheumatic pain.

When suffering so, try Doan's Kid-
ney Pills, a remedy that cures sick
kidneys. You will get better as the
kidneys get better, and health will
return when the kidneys are well.
Let a Dixon woman tell you about
Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. Edward Cropsey, 815 W.
Sixth street, Dixon, Ill., says: "Re-
cently I was suffering from rheumat-
ism, backache and other troubles
caused by disordered kidneys. I got a
box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Leake
Bros. Co's drug store. From my ex-
perience with this remedy, I feel that
I can recommend it highly. Doan's
Kidney Pills acted just as recom-
mended and gave me prompt relief."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50
cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo,
New York, sole agents for the United
States.

Remember the name -- Doan's --
and take no other.

*Coax the
Home folks*

Native town patriotism
is the mother of home success.
Good things to sell, proper
publicity in this paper and
stick-to-itiveness win buyers in
this vicinity—buyers mean
money, money brings every-
thing to your door. :: ::

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PLANT BREEDING.

Something About Men Who Are
Working Marvels.

In August, 1899, a convention of the
hybridists of the world gathered in
London under the auspices of the Roy-
al Horticultural society. Papers were
read relating to the experiments of
De Vries, Correns, Tschermak, Bate-
son and Spillman. Each had indepen-
dent discoveries and brilliant achieve-
ments, and while the aggregation was
scratching its head to evolve a law
several members suddenly discovered
that an obscure Austrian priest who
had spent most of his life in the clois-
ter and in pottering about in his little
garden had done all that for them
long before. Father Gregor Mendel
had made plant breeding his pastime.
He had employed a rare intelligence
and a boundless patience and he gave
his labor freely to the world. Nobody
dreamed of capitalizing or otherwise
exploiting him. The magazine and
Sunday supplement writers never dis-
covered him at all.

The men now engaged in plant
breeding number tens of thousands.
These United States hold many who
were born to work unseen, but not to
waste their labors on the desert air.
One can count upon his fingers all
the profitable varieties of native
grapes. For each one of these one
might count 100,000 or more experi-
ments in grape production that failed.
Wherever hears of John Adlum, who
produced the Catawba, the first truly
American grape and the greatest of
our wine grapes? Rogers, of Salem,
Mass., spent his lifetime in experi-
menting with grape improvement. One
of the interesting objects on the hill-
top cemetery at Concord, Mass., is a
huge granite boulder, with an appropri-
ate inscription that marks the
grave of the producer of the Concord
grape, another of our great wine
grapes. None of these men attained
fortune, or even fame, but who can
doubt that they have their reward?

There is good reason to believe that
his arrogant self-sufficient western
world, which prides itself so much
upon its achievements, is merely fol-
lowing centuries behind China, which
gave us the orange and some of our
choicest fruits and flowers.

Mr. Burbank has given us marked
improvement in potatoes and some
new varieties in apples, plums, prunes,
peaches and daisies, and has, by giving
a neglected wild cactus careful cul-
tivation, gained credit for producing a
spineless cactus of fine possibilities.
Burbank is a very modest and highly
successful man who has had excep-
tional opportunities of climate and
surroundings for practicing plant
breeding but there are thousands of
unknown men who are accomplishing
the same things in obscurity. Profes-
sor Sheldon of Iowa State university
has added millions of bushels to the
annual corn yield in that state alone.
Government and state, university and
agricultural college experimental sta-
tions are to be found all over the
world engaged in producing improved
species, plants of greater yield, plants
that resist drouth, plants that resist
excessive moisture and that are im-
mune to the attacks of insects and
fungi; so if Burbank is taken into a
close corporation the world will move
right along.

New York Marriages Fewer.
Health Commissioner Darlington
estimates that Greater New York had
a population of 4,422,685 on January 1,
1909, which is an increase of 137,250
during 1908; and there were 4145 more
births and 6133 fewer deaths in 1908
than in 1907. The records for the
state also favor increase, there were
nearly 30,000 less people married in
New York city during 1908 than in
1907, and nearly 80,000 less in the
state.

However, when it is remembered
that marriages in the state fell off
over 7 per cent in 1907, as compared
with 1906, the actual decrease in 1908,
considered in relation to the general
average of increase for past years,
will be found really much greater
than shown by the bare statistics of
the annual state marriage census. It
is not altogether a question of the de-
crease in marriages for the last year
as compared with 1907. The extent
of the decrease is not wholly appre-
ciated until it is understood what the
real normal increase would have been,
taking the percentage of increase in
former years as a basis of calculation.

The increase in marriages in Great-
er New York for 1907 over 1906 was
only 5 per cent. Had the 12 per cent
increase of 1906 of 1905 been main-
tained during 1907, there would have
been an increase of 5802 marriages in
that year, instead of the 2742 as cred-
ited, or a total of 54,157 instead of
48,355 marriages. Then if the same
rate of increase had been sustained
in 1908 there would have been about
6500 more marriages, instead of nearly
14,000 less, or a total of 60,650 mar-
riages, instead of 37,490 credited; so
that, on this basis, there were really
something like 23,150 less marriages
in New York city during 1908 than
there would have been under normal
conditions of increase.

Applying the same ratio of decrease
to the state, it would be found that
there were about 46,300 less marriages
in New York that a normal increase
would have given to the state.—Har-
per's Weekly.

It is only within the last 10 years
that tropical fruits like bananas and
pineapples have had a large sale in
Germany.

PUBLIC SALES.

Friday, Dec. 31—Cow sale, Man-
ges' feed barn, Dixon, Ill.

Jan. 6—Schmucker farm, at Court
House.

Tuesday, Jan. 4—Lawrence Ap-
pleford, North Crawford Ave., clos-
ing out household furniture, Dixon,
Ill.

Thursday, Jan. 6—John C. Leake,
Chicago road, 4 1-2 miles northwest
of Amboy.

Friday, Jan. 14—Janssen Bros., 5
miles west of Gap Grove on Interur-
ban line.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1910—Fred
Graf, 1 mile west of Dixon, closing
out sale on the Schmucker farm.

Jan. 18—J. F. Burtfield, 4 miles
southwest of Dixon.

Jan. 20—Geo. Seibens, 5 miles
south and 1 mile west of Dixon.

Ira Adams—Wednesday, Jan. 5,
1 1-2 miles south of Dixon.

Jan. 25—Frank Suggard, 3 1-2
miles south of Dixon.

Jan. 22—John McGinty, 5 miles
west of Dixon on the John Sterling
farm.

Fred Graf Sr.—Wednesday, Jan.
12, 1 1-2 mile west of Dixon on the
Schmucker farm.

F. R. Singer, Jan. 26—1-2 mile
east of Harmon.

Ella Siebens—Monday, Jan. 31,
1-4 mile east of Harmon.

Feb. 1—Claude Sweetzer, 5 1-2
miles southwest of Dixon. Closing
out sale.

Wednesday, Feb. 2—Mrs. John
Fane, 1-2 mile east of Dixon on Har-
ris farm.

Mrs. John Fane—Wednesday, Feb.
2, on Harris farm, 1 mile east of
Dixon on Franklin Grove road.

Tuesday, Feb. 15—Gottfried Gfel-
ler, closing out sale on Crawford's
farm, 3 miles east of Dixon.

Manson Fitts—Wednesday, Feb.
16, 4 miles southwest of Dixon.

Thursday, Feb. 17—Chas. Forth,
6 miles northeast of Dixon at the
Kingdom on Josh Reed farm.

FARM FOR SALE.

At public auction at court house,
Dixon, Ill., 1:30 p. m., Jan. 6, 1910,
formerly owned by Henry C.
Schmucker, deceased, and known as
"Rock River Stock Farm."

This is a splendid stock and dairy
farm and adjoins the westerly limits
of the city of Dixon, of 10,000 popu-
lation, and lies 1 1-2 miles from the
largest condensed milk factory on
earth. There are 265.39 acres, in-
cluding fine island in Rock river sub-
able for summer cottages or picnic
grounds, 245 acres plowable land;
good black, sandy loam, clay subsoil.
second river bottom above overflow.
12 room house, 2 tenant houses; fine
barn 50x150 room for 40 horses, 52
cattle, 100 tons of hay; also straw
barns, cribs, granary, stock shed
40x100 with 100 barrel tank there-
in; 2 wells, 3 cisterns, windmill and
tanks; farm well fenced and cross
fenced. To be sold to partition be-
tween owners. Terms ten (10) per
cent cash day of sale, balance March
1, 1910.

For particulars address at Dixon,
Illinois, Frank O. Schmucker and
Christie S. Horton, owners, or their
attorneys, E. E. Wingert or E. H.
Brewster. 88ti

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will have a clos-
ing out sale 2 miles southeast of Dix-
on on the Chicago road, known as
the Benjamin farm, Wednesday, Jan.
5th.

10 head of horses: 1 brown geld-
ing 12 years old, weight 1400; 1
bay gelding 7 years old, weight 1-
350; 1 sorrel gelding 9 years old,
weight 1200; 1 brown gelding 9
years old, weight 1200; 1 gray geld-
ing 12 years old, weight 1400; 1 sor-
rel mare 6 years old, weight 1200.
In foal; 1 bay mare coming 4 years
old, weight 1100; 1 gray gelding com-
ing 3 years old, weight 1000; 1 bay
colt coming 2 years old, weight 1-
000; 1 spring colt.

50 Cattle: 24 head of milch cows,
some fresh by day of sale, balance
heavy springers.

20 head of shoats. 1 Chester
White boar and some choice Chester
White brood sows.

Farm Machinery. 1' Champion
grain binder, 1 McCormick corn bin-
der, 1 hay loader, 1 Deering seeder
with grass seed attachment, 1 corn
planter, 2 corn plows, 1 disc, 1 pow-
er cultivator, 2 3-horse riding plows,
1 mower, 1 steel hay rake, 1 3-sec-
tion steel drag, 1 low-wheeled wag-
on, 1 iron-wheeled truck wagon, 1
spring wagon, 1 set of dump boards,
1 set of work harness, 1 set of sin-
gle harness, 1 rubber-tired buggy,
hay fork, rope and pulley, shovels,
forks, milk cans, Shock fodder in
field. Some old iron. Other articles
too numerous to mention. 1 4-burner
gasoline stove.

Sale commences at 9 o'clock. Free
lunch at noon, served by W. W. Tes-
chendorff.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$10
and under cash, all sums over \$10 a
credit of 1 year's time will be given
purchaser giving good bankable note
with approved security drawing 7
per cent interest from date. Interest
deducted if paid when due. 5 per
cent off for cash on sums over \$10.
No property to be removed until set-
tled for.

Ira Adams.

D. M. Fahrney.

John Ocker, Auctioneer.

H. C. Warner, Clerk.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will have a pub-
lic sale at his place of residence 1
1-2 miles west of Dixon on the
Schmucker farm on the Rock Island
road Wednesday, January 12, 1910.

54 Head of Cattle, consisting of
12 head of milch cows, some fresh
others heavy springers; 4 heifers,
heavy springers; 5 yearling heifers;
2 bulls. 1 good stock bull, 1 year-
ling.

9 Head of Horses, consisting of 1
bay horse 8 years old, 1 sorrel horse
coming 5 years old, 1 bay mare com-
ing 10 years old, 1 sorrel mare com-
ing 6 years old, 1 gray horse coming
4 years old, 1 black horse coming 3
years old, 1 brown horse coming 11
years old, 1 brown horse coming 12
years old, 1 roan horse coming 8
years old.

30 thrifty shoats.

Farm Machinery: 1 lumber wag-
on, 1 truck wagon, 1 sulky plow, 2
corn plows, 1 walking, 1 riding; 1
Hays corn planter with 100 rods of
wire, 1 McCormick corn binder, 1
Champion grain binder, 1 Champion
mower, 1 Sterling hay loader, 1
grain seeder, 1 Moline wagon box,
1 hay rack, 1 steel water tank, 3
buggies, 2 top buggies, 1 good as-
new, 1 road wagon, 10 milk cans.
Some household furniture.

Good Timothy Hay in Barn.
Sale commences at 10 o'clock.
Free lunch at noon.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$10
and under cash. All sums over \$10
a credit of 1 year's time will be given
purchaser giving good bankable
note with approved security drawing
7 per cent interest from date. Inter-
est deducted if paid when due. 5
per cent off for cash on sums over
\$10. No property to be removed until
settled for.

FRED GRAF, SR.

D. M. Fahrney.

P. D. Kelly, Auctioneer.

H. C. Warner, Clerk.

Public Sale Lunches.

Will go any place at any time, \$5
per trip for a long or short drive. Pay
only for what you use at market
price. All fresh goods. R. C. Goetz-
berger, Franklin Grove, Ill. Phone
20. 79dwkft

CLOSING OUT SALE

As I have rented my farm and in-
tend to move to Dixon, I will hold
a Closing Out Sale at my place of
residence on what is known as the
John C. Leake farm located on the
Chicago road, 4 1-2 miles northwest
of Amboy, on Thursday, Jan. 6 1910
Commencing at 12 o'clock, sharp,
when the following property will be
sold 'towitz:

11 head of horses consisting of 1
Percheron stallion 5 yrs old, wt 1650
good colt getter, Shire mare coming
7 yrs. old, wt 1700; sorrel gelding
8 yrs. old wt 1250 broke to all har-
ness; pair seal brown drivers com-
ing 6 yrs old wt 2400; bay gelding
coming 4 yrs old wt 1600; gray
gelding coming 4 yrs old wt 1350;
Sorrel brood mare by "Billy Free-
dom;" 3-yr old gelding by Allexter;
gray gelding coming 5 yrs old wt
1100; gray gelding coming 4 yrs old
wt 1100.

15 head of cattle: 3 registered
Hereford cows; 4 yearling, register-
Hereford heifers—all of these are
from the Clark Butler herd; 2 year-
ling grade heifers; 6 two-yr old
steers.

Farm Machinery—Gang plow; 14
inch cut; 18-in. riding plow, good
as new; 16-in walking plow; 2-row
stalk cutter; Keystone corn planter;
16 ft steel harrow; 7-ft spader;
Champion mower; new spring tooth
weeder; 2-row corn plow—nearly
new; 6-shovel cultivator; Tower cul-
tivator; hay rake; 2 top buggies;
road cart; swell body cutter.

About 50 Plymouth Rock chickens
Household Goods—Cook stove,
gasoline stove, washing machine,
clothes bars, 10-ft dining table and
12 dining chairs, 3 large rocking
chairs, 2 small rocking chairs, book
case, 3 small tables, 2 beds, single
bed, 250 lb. platform scales, cream
separator in good condition, bedding
springs, mattresses, dressers, pans
dishes, carpets, saws, a good saw
gun which will be used by the Auc-
tioneer if property doesn't sell sat-
isfactorily, incubator, hard press,
sausage grinder and 74 other articles
no room for description.

Lunch will be served by Goetz-
berger of Franklin Grove at 11 o'clock
Terms: 12 months' time on bank-
able note, 5 per cent discount for
cash.

T. WILBUR LEAKE

Andrew Aschenbrenner, Clerk.

P. W. Mason, Auct.

A Chinese Joke.

There was a man in Ch'angnan who
was very fond of giving dinners, but
the food given was atrocious. One day
a guest threw himself on his knees in
front of this gentleman and said, "Am
I not a friend of yours?"
"You are, indeed," replied his host.
"Then I must ask of you a favor,"
said the guest, "and you must grant it
before I rise from my knees."
"Well, what is it?" inquired his host
in astonishment.

"Never to invite me to dinner any
more!" cried the guest, at which the
whole party burst into a loud roar of
laughter.—North China Herald.

Smoke Belle of Dixon, 5c. tf

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Own a home in this wonderful pro-
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THE SMALLEST POSSIBLE.
"But if he is an enemy of yours why
did you contribute to his wooden wed-
ding?"
"Just to make him look small."
"What did you send?"
"Why, a toothpick."



HUMOR IN THE JUNGLE.
Tiger—I hear you lowered the cam-
el's record for a mile dash?
Giraffe—Yes, and he'll have to get a
bump on himself to beat me.



HE HAD NERVE ALL RIGHT.
"Well, I like your nerve. I gave you
a dime, and now you ask me for a half
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FOR SALE.

For Sale. Good heavy horse, also a good driving horse, gentle, for women to drive. 42

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5 room cottage, city and cistern water, gas; 3 blocks from business; \$10 per mo.

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LOST.

Lost. A small seal skin muff. Finder leave at Leake's Drug store and receive reward. 33

Lost. Leather horse collar. Finder return to N. F. Selover. Phone 14,288. 33*

Lost. Right hand heavy driving glove, between Rowland Bros. store and Eagle restaurant on Galena avenue. Reward of 75 cents if returned to Dementtown Pharmacy. 43

LEE CENTER.

Lee Center. Dec. 30—On Dec. 21 occurred the death of W. C. Tennant. He was laid to rest on Friday, Dec. 24. He had been a resident of Lee Center for many years and will be greatly missed by his friends.

Christopher Wellman, an old settler, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 23, and was laid to rest on Christmas day. The bereaved family has the heartfelt sympathy of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor recently entertained relatives from Wisconsin and Iowa.

Mrs. Thos. Reed has been on the sick list.

E. L. Leavens and family took dinner with Mrs. Theresa Bahen on Sunday.

The new school building has been completed and when the holiday vacation closes, school will be conducted in the new building.

H. M. Lewis and family from Dixon visited with relatives here, last Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Linn is entertaining relatives from Charles City, Ia.

The new school building will be dedicated Jan. 7.

Gene Gale and family are going to move to Dixon in the very near future.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Lane entertained their children and families on Christmas.

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R. R. Time Table

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Correct time of all passenger and freight trains leaving Dixon that carry passengers:

South Bound.
No. 123 Express 10:37 a. m. daily
No. 131 Clinton Ex. 5 p. m. D. ex. S.
Amboy Freight 9:38 a. m. D. ex. Sun
North Bound.
Ft. Dodge Ex. 9:38 a. m. D. ex. Sun.
Local Mail 5:22 p. m. daily
Freeport Fr. 12:30 p. m. D. ex. Sun.
L. BACKUS,
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CHICAGO & NORTHWESTERN RY.

Correct time of all passenger trains leaving Dixon:

East Bound to Chicago.
No. Lv. Dixon Ar. Chicago
4 3:25 a. m. daily 6:45 a. m.
16 4:43 a. m. daily 7:20 a. m.
10 5:45 a. m. daily 8:30 a. m.
24 6:25 a. m. daily 9:15 a. m.
20 11:22 a. m. ex. Sun. 2:35 p. m.
*18 7:21 a. m. daily 10:15 a. m.
14 4:04 p. m. daily 7:10 p. m.
12 6:16 p. m. daily 8:45 p. m.
28 4:15 p. m. Sun. 7:25 p. m.
8 9:08 a. m. daily 11:59 a. m.

Passenger to Peoria.

10 daily ex. Sun. Lv. Dixon 7:45 a. m.

West Bound From Chicago.

No. Lv. Chicago Ar. Dixon
3 10:45 p. m. daily 1:52 a. m.
27 7:55 a. m. (Sun. only) 11:08 a. m.
13 7:00 a. m. ex. Sun. 10:14 a. m.
5 10:00 a. m. 12:31 p. m.
19 12:30 p. m. ex. Sun. 3:43 p. m.
17 4:30 p. m. daily 7:18 p. m.
21 6:00 p. m. daily 8:29 p. m.
25 6:05 p. m. daily 8:51 p. m.
11 1:30 p. m. daily 3:59 p. m.
7 10:01 p. m. daily 12:35 a. m.
*Sterling passenger.

INTER-URBAN

DIXON, City

WEST BOUND (Read down)
10:30/50 Assembly Park 30/50/10
13/32/52 Galena & Fellows 27/47/7
17/37/57 Galena & First 23/43/3
20/40/60 Office 20/40/60
30/50/10 Depots 10/30/50
Figures denote min. past the hour.
From 6:20 a. m. until 11 p. m.
Sunday, first car at 7 a. m.

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FOUND.

Found: Sum of money in one of the street cars. Owner car. have same by proving the amount and paying for this ad. 986

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THE RAILROAD CONDUCTOR.

As a conductor he will probably begin in the freight service. His caboose will be a traveling office and more than that, it will carry all the gossip of the division up and down the line. It may be a homely little car, but it is just as sure to be a home-like place. From its elevated outlook he may command a good view of the train away ahead of the engine, and he will be supposed to know all the while that the brakemen are attending to their duties; that the train is in good order, particularly that there are no hot-boxes smoking away and in imminent danger of setting fire to the train and its valuable contents. There is a deal of bookkeeping to be accomplished in that traveling office. The conductor will receive the way-bills of the cars of his train and their contents, and he is held responsible for their safe deliveries to their destination or the junction points where they are to be delivered to other lines.

When he comes to the passenger service there will be still more bookkeeping to confront him, and he will have to be a man of good mental attainments to handle all the many varieties of local and through tickets, mileage-books, passes and other forms of transportation contracts that come to him, to detect the good from the bad, to throw out the counterfeiters that are constantly being offered to him. He will have to carry quite a money account for cash affairs, and he knows that mistakes will have to be paid for out of his own pocket.

All that is only a phase of his business. He is responsible for the care and safe conduct of his train, equally responsible in the last respect with the engineer. He also receives and signs for the train orders, and he is required to keep in mind every detail of the trains progress over the line. He will have his own assortment of questions to answer at every stage of the journey, and he will be expected to maintain the discipline of the railroad upon its trains. That may mean in one instance the ejectment of a passenger who refuses to pay his fare—and still he must not involve the road in a big damage suit—or in another, the subjugation of some gang of drunken loafers. The real wonder of it is that so many conductors come as near as they do to the Chesterfieldian standards.—Outing Magazine.

Weight of the Brain.

Prof. Frederick W. Mott, lecturing before the Royal Institution of Great Britain on "The Brain," stated that, although in 88 per cent of the cases in which the brains of great men had been weighed the weight was above the average, brain weight itself did not always mean brain quality. When there was lack of the functioning tissue, the lecturer explained, the structural material might receive more than its normal share of nourishment and the extra weight be due to overgrowth of "brain scaffolding." This accounted for the very large and heavy brains sometimes found in congenital idiots. Pointing out that the brain weight of a race long civilized surpassed that of aborigines, the lecturer stated that whereas the ordinary European hospital patient had a heavier brain than a savage, the Chinese coolie laborer's brain, developed by centuries of use, weighed one and one-half ounces more than that of the European hospital patient.

Referring to the relative brain weights of Caucasian men and women, Prof. Mott said that the female brain had a good start, weighing nearly one and one-half ounces more than the male brain at birth. In adult life, however, the average man's brain weighed about five and one-half ounces more than the woman's. The average weight of the European male brain was 2 pounds 15 ounces 9 drams to 2 pounds 16 ounces 9 drams, and of the female brain 2 pounds 10 ounces 11 drams to 2 pounds 10 ounces 14 drams. Among savages there was not this difference, since, in the struggle for existence, the female had to apply her brain as fully as the male, hence it has developed at practically the same rate.

Government Limit on Tips.

Civilian employees at the war department have received some intelligence straight from headquarters concerning the matter of tips when they are traveling on departmental business. The war department began last year to allow tips to be included in the expenses of employees, and now it has limited the size of the tip. Fifteen cents, says the department, is as high as an employee shall go. It thinks that is enough for any waiter who brings in the meal that the employee is going to pay for at the desk and that the waiter is paid to bring into the dining-room. To the employee who is inclined to work a little easy graft, of course, the 15 cents limit will furnish a small business in nickels, as it will be extremely convenient to pay the waiter a dime and keep the five-cent piece for himself.—Washington Pathfinder.

Under the contract recently signed by the Secretary of the Navy the tower for the wireless station to be erected in Washington is to be 650 feet high. This tower will be of concrete, 50 feet in diameter at the base and 8 feet in diameter at the top.

The foreign commerce of this country fell off about \$500,000,000 last year. The greatest decline was noticed at the Atlantic ports.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THE VALLEY.

By Elaine Goodale Eastman.

The tiny house, low-browed, weather stained and gray, clung like a swallow's nest to the eaves of the mountain. A few acres of roughly cleared land lent it scanty foothold. From the rock-strewn pasture crowned with a huge egg-shaped boulder, and an ancient apple tree, rose the great green dome of the forested hill. A corn field as steep as the slant of an old roof fairly overhung the wild gorge that pitched straight down into the river.

A road followed the river, trudging humbly after it in all its fantastic windings and turnings up, into the hidden heart of the hills. It was just a pisla, everyday road, linking the valley with the world outside the valley, the fresh hill country with the stagnant town.

Twice each day, before the dew was off the long grass and while the shy deer yet lingered here and there on the skirts of stray cornfields, and again the drowsy warmth of the long, long afternoon, a covered, two-seated stage reeled off the enchanted miles of that road beside the river. Twice each day the stage-driver pulled up his sleek rooms at waiting hamlet and mill and lonely farmhouse, ready with mail or passenger or freight, willing and prompt to fetch and carry between the valley and the world. The stolid urchin reaching up his grubby little hand for the county paper; the patient, blue-eyed old woman, waiting beside the road with her bundle, shawled and bonneted for a visit to her daughter's house a few miles further on; the farmer, marked with his hard toil, standing expectantly by, and ready with a grinning rejoinder to some homely jest; the awkward young girl, decked out in her pathetic finery, blushing through all her sunburn at not less broadly and homely compliment; all these looked to the coming of the stage for perhaps the chief excitement of their monotonous day.

The solitary little house facing the deepest part of the gorge kept no commodore receptacle for mail at the roadside, nor was there often any one there within reach of a friendly shout of salutation. The stage-driver was accustomed to change his quid of tobacco to the other cheek and cast up a quizzical eye in passing, with perhaps a muttered obsequious, half lost in the thicket of his gray mustache. At intervals there appeared a man with purple-black hair and beard and a shifty eye, who on rare occasions mailed or received a letter or even climbed on to the back seat and rode surlily into town.

The youngest of the three children, a ragged boy of nine or ten, was now and then to be seen at the window in the cornfield or driving the one cow to pasture. He had a sullen, hunted look; and this was still more plainly written on the faces of the two half-grown girls, who in their bare feet and outlandish garments fled like mountain deer from even the kindly, half-mocking scrutiny of the stage-driver.

The woman who had gone to that remote cabin as a runaway bride, when it was new and shining instead of weather-beaten and gray, had not been seen for years outside its poor shelter. She had a "creeping paralysis," and she still found it possible to do some things seated in her chair—just how much no one knew, but it was said that she had not walked for years. There she sat, all day and every day, in her straight-backed, splint-bottomed chair with its long, thin calico cushion, looking out of small, dim panes at the valley, and the brown road that followed the curves of the valley, and hearing the voice of the river as it came up from below.

"It's a good thing them gals are old enough now to take hold of the work." This was the brief comment of the countryside.

It was a June morning, glorious above all other mornings of the tardy year, a morning that vaguely stirred even the unimaginative soul of the stage-driver, causing him to pull a few sprigs of budding lilac from the wayside and stick it in his hat, that the man with the shifty eye and the loose mouth half hidden in his purple-black beard stood sheepishly waiting.

Without remark, but not without a sharp look under his bushy brows, the driver handed him out a letter. He knew well from whom the letter came. It had been given him in the cool dawn by a baxom, bare-armed young woman in a blue cotton gown, who reddened as she did so, but looked him boldly in the eye, nevertheless. And he knew—other things. There had been talk.

The "talk" of a village or of a country neighborhood is as fatal in its way as the brazen publicity of the metropolitan newspaper. It is the death of privacy. It lays bare our secret sins and shames and excuses and pretenses to the unsparring judgment of the world. Whether the world is a great world or a small one really concerns us very little.

The old, vexed question of right or wrong, faith or unfaith, duty or inclination, is happily not confused with other and less vital issues in the minds of the simple folk of the valley.

They do not gloss it over with smooth words. There it lies before them, pitilessly plain, unmistakable in its naked severity.

"He's aintn' to git a divorce, so's he can marry that gal," said one plumply stating the ugly fact.

"An' she plumb wore out with her work and poor livin', so's she nigh' helpless," a woman put in indignantly. "Jest so. She aint' so good lookin' as she was, for a fact," drawled the man.

The inherent baseness of the act they discussed was as clearly revealed in his cool, satirical accents as in the warm ones of the woman.

"The brazen hussy!" she hissed, her honest indignation leaving the erring husband to lash the folly and weakness of one of her own sex.

In the uneven pasture that rose behind and above the solitary cabin, the hoary head of the patriarchal apple tree that day was encrested with a delicate garland of pink and white bloom. As it leaned wearily toward the gaily immovable bulk of the great boulder that neighbored it so closely, one could but think of an old man wearing rakishly a bridal wreath.

Within the cabin, in a dim corner of the mean room a woman sobbed almost inaudibly. Her dry, gasping breath was like the panting of an animal, wounded and despairing. The silence of the valley seemed cruel, intolerable. The voice of the river was like a cry.

When the driver of the stage presently drew up at the old "line-house" on the boundary between two states, his thoughts recurred with a certain persistence to the squalid tragedy he had left behind.

"Sho!" he said aloud, taking a solitary passenger ingeniously into his confidence, "she was married in this here house, jest fifteen years back. I was married here m'self—to m' fust wife—in that there right-hand parlor where all the runaway couples used to go to get the knot tied." His tone was reminiscent and not without a pleasurable sadness.

"Her father, he wouldn't hear to the match—never spoke to her again to the day of his death—so 'twas said. Mother died when she was a small gal. Wan't but fifteen or sixteen when she married him. Lord, she's a young woman yet, pore critter!"

This was in the morning. A June day drags a little, when one is up at work by half-past four. It was on the return trip, three in the afternoon, and the driver, alone for the nonce, was slouching but half-awake on his shabby cushions, holding the reins loosely over his fat, easy-going roams, when they came out opposite the black gorge, the bottomless pool and the tiny house clinging to the eaves of the mountain.

Then he straightened up quickly, for a pitiful little nondescript figure stood beside the road, and a scared, high-pitched voice cried out:—

"Oh, mister, will you send the doctor quick? Pop's terrible bad!"

"It was that second gal of his," he related afterward to a breathless group at the postoffice. "Twelve year old, is she? Wouldn't take the pore little object to be more than nine—couldn't hardly tell whether 'twas boy or girl for that matter! The critter was that scared I couldn't git sense out of her, so I jest left m' team standin' and run up to th' house. I could hear them awful groans all the way. When I got there he was lyin' on the bed, the sweat pourin' off his face an' groanin' like all possessed. His leg stuck straight out before him, an' I could see the bone stickin' in splinters through the ankle!"

"What did it?" says L.

"(Hoss stepped on it," says she, quick an' quiet like, 'as he was backin' him out o' the stable. (He'd been aimin' to go to town 't see that lawyer about his divorce.)

"An' who got him in an' on to the bed?" I says, lookin' at her, awful took aback for there she was a standin' up waitin' on him—fust time in years, fur as I know!"

There was a confirmatory murmur from his audience.

"I did," says she, 'the gals helpin' some. (Boy so dumb he run off to the mountain and never come back till jark.)

"Miracle, wa'n't it?" a woman exclaimed.

"She wa'n't paralyzed nohow—twas all in her mind! I've heard of sech things," declared another.

"Doc, he couldn't git there for two more hours—none o' 'em know what time 'twas he got hurt—an' when he did turn up he says 'twas the worst fracture he ever see. Foot plumb mashed; man out of his head with fever ever sence—an' she a tendin' on him nigh' an' day!"

"Look in her eyes knocked me out! Wan't I—sh'd send you some help?" says I to her. "My old woman'll be glad to come right down."

"Thank you," says she. I don't require no help in carin' for my husband!"

"When that gal—you know who—heard what happened and how he'd be a cripple fer life—if he ever gits up at all—her face went red as fire, she up an' called me an' old fool, an' slammed the door in m' face!"

"She's goin' with Jim Banks again," a woman volunteered.

And the river ran away from them with a mocking scream.

But in the black-throated gorge among the hemlocks below the gray cabin where a man tossed through night after night in fevered torment, and a woman with white face and tireless patience smoothed his pillow—the voice of the river was like a braver.

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Eggs		31
Lard		15
Butter		30@34
Chickens		14
Dressed ducks		14
Turkeys		19
Geese		12
Honey		15
Potatoes		45@55
Corn		54
Oats		40-11

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Dec. 118 3/4	119	117 1/4	118 1/2	
May 112 1/4	112 3/4	111 3/4	112 1/4	
July 102 3/4	102 3/4	101 1/2	102	
Corn—				
Dec. 62 3/4	63	62 1/4	63	
May 66 3/4	67	66 1/4	66 3/4	
July 66 3/4	66 3/4	66 1/4	66 3/4	
Oats—				
Dec. 43 3/4	44 1/4	43	44 1/4	
May 45 3/4	45 3/4	45 1/4	45 3/4	
July 43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	
Pork—				
Jan. 2160	2165	2152 1/2	2160	
May 2175	2187	2165 1/2	2180	
Ribs—				
Jan. 1135	1142 1/2	1132	1137	
May 1137 1/2	1142	1132	1140	
Lard—				
Jan. 1225 1/2	1240	1225	1230	
May 1190	1195	1185	1187	

Receipts today:
Hogs—18000.
Cattle—17000.
Sheep—15000.
Stock yards report:
Hogs open steady.
Left over—5300.
Light—\$10@850.
Mixed—\$25@870.
Heavy—\$55@875.
Rough—\$35@850.
Cattle weak to 10 lower. Sheep steady.
Hogs 5 to 10 higher. Part of yesterday's cars are in today and half of today's are still to come.
Estimated tomorrow—16000.

New Years Post Cards, a large and very complete assortment, at Campbell & Son. 33

HOLSTEIN COW SALE
At Manges' feed shed, Dixon, Mon. day, January 3, 1910, at 10 o'clock sharp, a carload of fine Holstein cows and heifers, all heavy springers. 1 Holstein bull. This is the opportunity to get started in Holsteins, the kind that give milk.
Joel Sherman.
D. M. Fahrney, Auct. 42

Interest compounded semi-annually on savings accounts at the Union State Bank. Start your account today with one dollar or more. 33

Will give away 4 perfectly good cats, 2 young and 2 old. Enquire at this office. 11

WE'VE GOT THE DOCTORS BEAT.
Sure cure for Rheumatism.
All Wool Blankets very cheap.
Cloaks HALF PRICE.
42 L. B. COUNTRYMAN CO.

Why not eat turkey New Year's day with the gentlemen at People's church? Served to 11:30 to 2 o'clock. 22

DEWEY HOTEL
New Year's Menu.
Raw Oysters
Cream Celery Soup
Prime Roast Beef—Brown Gravy
Baked Turkey—Oyster Dressing
Fricassee Chicken with Biscuits
Creamed Potatoes
Steamed Squash
Escalloped Corn
Apple Fritters with Maple Sauce
Cabbage Salad
Dessert.
Apple Pie
Mince Pie
Lemon Cream Pie
Banana Dessert—Orange Dressing
Ice Cream
Olives Celery Fruit
Tea Coffee Milk
Dinner, 35 cents. 42

Cow Sale.
At Manges' feed barns, Dixon, Ill., Friday, Dec. 31st, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m., a choice load of fresh milch cows. Cows will arrive Thursday, Ed. O'Brien, D. M. Fahrney, Auct. 32

Let one of your new resolutions be to start a savings account with the Union State Bank. 33

All trimmed and untrimmed hats at half price. Stauffenberg & Sullivan. 23

The BARGAIN COUNTER
Merchants to Their Patrons

STAR THEATRE

Regina, the Gypsy Violinist.
J. P. Heavey, the African Princess.
Chris, European Eccentric Comedy Cartoonist.
Matinee Saturday.
New Program Sunday night.
2,000 feet of Moving Pictures.

Come and see the new goods at the Gift Shop. The most attractive things in town. 96tf

Carload of Salt
Just received at Young's Coal Yards, which will be unloaded today. 1

Chop Suey.
Beginning this evening Chop Suey will be served at all hours at the Feeley restaurant. 43

Saturday, Jan. 1, 1910, the Dollar Saver will sell Ladies' Coats, worth from \$8 to \$12, your choice, \$4.98. My loss will be heavy but I am willing to stand it in order to close out every coat. These are bargains superior. C. A. Holwick. 42

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Smoke Belle of Dixon, 5c. 11

D. M. FAHRNEY, Auctioneer.
Speak early for special dates.
Brown Block, Room 1, 2 3.
Lee County Phone—Residence 152. Office, 90.
Dixon, Illinois.

New Years day wagons will leave store at 9:45 a. m. on the only trip for the day. No soliciting orders. Store will close at 10 a. m. Dixon Grocery Co. 24

All trimmed and untrimmed hats at half price. Stauffenberg & Sullivan. 23

Savings accounts may be opened at the Union State Bank with one dollar or more, and deposits may be made at any time. 33

Money to Loan on farms at low interest rates with privilege to borrower of paying any amount at any time stopping interest thereon H. A. Roe Company, Opera Block, Dixon, Ill. Phones. 78tf

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Fresh Cut Flowers.
Of all kinds, delivered to any part of the city for any occasion. Funeral work a specialty. Prices reasonable. Phone 147. N. H. Long, Greenhouses North Galena Ave. 31tf

PUBLIC SALE.
910 North Crawford Ave., Dixon, Ill., Tuesday, January 4th, 1910, 1 o'clock p. m., household furniture, bed room suits, chairs, tables, refrigerator, sideboard, carpets, dishes, rugs, stoves, books, typewriter, garden tools, etc. L. E. Appleford, D. M. Fahrney, Auct. 16

Savings accounts opened or savings deposits made with the Union State Bank on or before Jan. 3, 1910, will draw interest from the first of Jan. 3 per cent interest paid. 33

PUNISHES PAIN.
Every rub you give with "Sterling Analgic Embrocation" punishes pain and sends it away. Money refunded if it fails to relieve rheumatism, neuralgia, gout, sore feet, chilblains, sprains, bruises, etc. A. H. Tillson, druggist. 85 24

Pennsylvania Buckwheat Flour and Maple Syrup. Geo. D. Laing. 99 6

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Special New Years Offering on Coats and Suits

All Suits in Our Stock TO BE SOLD AT

One-Half Price!

Any Coat in stock offered at One-third Off

Children's Coats,

Children's and Infant's Coats in Bear-skin, Corduroy, Plush and Cloth, at

ONE-HALF PRICE.

The Quality Store **O.H. MARTIN & CO.** The Quality Store

Happy New Year.

One Delivery at Nine Forty-Five---We Close at Ten O'clock.

Dressed Turkeys, Ducks and Chickens.
Bulk Oysters and Shrimps.
Full line Fresh Vegetables and Fruit.
Dixon Agents Chase & Sanborn Coffee and Teas.

DOWNING'S GROCERY.

NEW YEAR GREETING.

We greet you sincerely, warmly and cordially and while thanking you for your past year's confidence, wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

During the year to come, we desire a continuance of your good will, co-operation and trade and shall exert ourselves to make things pleasing, as well as profitable to you.

Our goods are always fresh and of the right kind—while our prices are as low as the lowest. Call and see us often.

Our Store Will Close NEW YEAR'S DAY at 11 O'clock for Day.

Earll Grocery Co

The Edison Ambrola---

The Last Edison production.

Worth your time to hear.
Call at my store any time.

John E. Moyer.

Reduced Prices

ON

Beckwith's Round-Oak Heating Stoves

To reduce a small overstock we are selling Nos. 16, 18 and 20 at \$5.00 off the regular price

If you need a heating stove, now is the time to decide.

E. A. Howell HARDWARE CO.
DIXON, ILLINOIS

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

After the Christmas rush, comes the demand for presents for New Year's Day.

Many receive gifts unexpectedly, and New Year's gives an early opportunity to show appreciation.

Our beautiful stock suffered delightful depletion the last few weeks of the holiday rush, but there's something left in nearly every desirable gift line.

Our stocks have been arranged and put in order and are ready to supply appropriate gifts for New Year's.

KLING JEWELRY CO.
Wm. E. Trein, Pres.
FIRST ST. DIXON

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FOR ICE OR SNOW.

Did you ever try one of our snow skates for the sidewalk?

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Eyes Scientifically Tested

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Isabella Fox Muffs, Shawls and Throws.
Black Lynch Shawls and Muffs.
Natural Wolf Shawls and Rug Muffs.
Silver-Pointed Sitka Fox Shawls and Muffs.
Alaska Sable Shawls and Rug Muffs.
Grey Squirrel Muffs, Throws and Cravats
Brown Russian Mink Muffs and Shawls
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Poney and Near-Seal Coats at Reduced Prices.

Children's Furs, Good Assortment.

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PLAYER-PIANO SAMPLES.

We are offering for sale some fine sample Pianos with the latest improved RODESCH 88-note Player in them. These instruments are fully guaranteed in every particular and are of the best known old established makes. Double tracker on each using both 88 and 65-note rolls. Transposing device and the best spring motor in existence. Those interested are invited to call and see what we have. New and used Pianos without Player. Decker Bros. \$250; A. Reed & Sons' \$235; A. Reed & Sons' \$175—and others at equally good bargains. Open evenings till Christmas at the Opera House Rooms, 114 Galena Avenue.

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